

Kentucky Horse Council NEWS



Letter from the KHC President

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You know what they say about the weather in Kentucky – if you don't like it, hang around a bit – it is sure to change. We have gone from snow on Easter to cutting hay with barely a pause in between!

We welcome **Street Sense** to the list of Kentucky Derby Winners and **Genius Boy's Night Hawk** and **Wild Fire Jewels** to the list of recent winners of the Kentucky Horse Council Pleasure Classes. Look for a Kentucky Horse Council sponsored class at a show in your area - view a list of the shows with this class at kentuckyhorse.org

Ginny Grulke, our Executive Director, has been hard at work increasing our member benefits, and insurance continues to be one of the most requested items. In April, we met with Equisure, the company providing our Excess Personal Liability insurance, and we have some important information about the benefits available from them elsewhere in this newsletter.

You should have received your 2007 Directory by now and if you have not, please telephone the office so that we can get one out to you. If there is a feed or tack store near you that you think would like to have copies, please let us know. And planning is already underway for the 2008 Directory.

As always, we are in need of committee members to assist in the many tasks we have undertaken. Hugh Bellis-Jones is doing a tremendous job researching grant applications so perhaps this is an area you might find satisfying. Or would you prefer reviewing scholarship applications with Margi Stickney and Dr. Bob Coleman? Or working on the planning for the annual meeting? Please let us know where you would like to volunteer your time.

Ginny and I will be attending the American Horse Council's National Issues Forum in Washington D.C. June 17 – 20. I continue to be amazed at how much emphasis is being put on the horse industry both in Kentucky and nationwide. This national meeting is an opportunity to become more familiar with many of those issues including trails, taxes and animal welfare. Look for the information we bring back in a future newsletter.

The Kentucky Horse Council board is here to serve the membership. Please let us know if there is a way we might serve you better.

Enjoy the spring!

Madelyn Millard

KHC TRAIL NEWS

Trail Expo at Metzger's in Simpsonville

On March 24th, 2007, Metzger's Country Store located off of US 60 in Simpsonville, held their first annual Trail Riding Exposition. This exciting one day event drew a huge crowd of both novice and amateur riders. The store was packed, trail riders had the opportunity to talk to experts about trailers, saddles and many other cutting edge products as well as trail riding opportunities. Door prize drawings throughout the day only added to the fun. The KHC donated a \$25 gift certificate and at the end of the day, Charlie Oldham drew the winning name. Thanks to Metzger's for showing their support of the trail riding community! Congratulations to the winner, Lauren Meagher of Louisville! For more information on other scheduled events hosted by Metzger's visit www.metzgerscountrystore.com.



Send in your Saddle Club or Trail Club name to the Kentucky Horse Council
(info@kentuckyhorse.org- or - call Buck Winburn at 606-663-5754

OVETS - June 21-24th

Would you like to learn about...

Trail Maintenance
Packing with Mules
Utilizing Heavy Equipment on the trail
Working with Land Management & Volunteers
Organizing a Trail Maintenance Workday

And listen to....

Trails organizations share programs designed to keep trails open to equestrians

Experts discuss issues that impact trail riding opportunities

If so, then you need to attend OVETS* 2007!

**Ohio Valley Equestrian Trails Symposium*

Co-Sponsored by the Kentucky Horse Council, the Ohio Horse Council, the Indiana Horse Council, the Michigan Horse Council and the Wisconsin Horse Council.

To register and for more information, go to kentuckyhorse.org and select the TRAILS popout menu, or email Jennifer Truax, KHC Trails Committee chair at truaxwh@aol.com

Knott County holds successful Derby Weekend Spring ride

Over 600 riders traveled to Knott County's new trail facility for their 1st Annual Spring Ride, where riders found acres of open land for camping, concessions by local organizations, who served breakfast, lunch and dinner, and real Bluegrass entertainment in the evening. Despite a heavy rain during the night, and some early afternoon sprinkles, the crowd, including all ages from kids to grandparents, enjoyed the weekend.

JUNE 2 is National Trails Day.

Get out on the trail and ride! Take a friend, a politician or local official, and a horse or two. Clean up a trail, maintain a trail, or write to your newspaper about the importance of trail riding to Kentucky's horse owners.

We are establishing a statewide distribution list for all trail clubs to organize Trail Crews and figure out which trails need work. Get in the loop and send us your club name and contact information. The list will be posted on the website (kytrailriding.com) as it is developed.

KHC TRAIL NEWS

KHC TRAIL CREWS WORK IN THE RED RIVER GORGE



On April 28th, fourteen dedicated Trail Riders gathered at the Powder Ridge Trail in Red River Gorge to work on the trail in preparation for the season. Organized by Buck Winburn of Stanton, member of the KY Horse Council Trails Committee, the work the group did drew compliments from George Bain, Deputy Forest Supervisor of the Daniel Boone National Forest. Mr. Bain commented, "This is a great start to what I hope will be a long and productive relationship between members of the Kentucky Horse Council and the Daniel Boone National Forest. As you know, there is a lot of work to be done on our trails to make them safe and enjoyable for all users. Your interest in working with us to address this is greatly appreciated."

The Kentucky Recreational Trails Authority

The Kentucky Recreational Trails Authority (KRTA) was created in 2006 to establish public policies and implement programs that support tourism development in Kentucky through trail use. KTRA is an 11 member board consisting of hikers, bikers, ATV and Off-Road riders, and horse riders, as well as representatives from various Kentucky governmental agencies

with an interest in trail development.

The strategic mission of KRTA consists of three main goals:

1. Increase land access for recreational trails;
2. Reduce liability for landowners that allow use of their land for recreational use, and
3. Promote trail safety and education.



Friends of the Trail are Kentucky riders who want to help keep our trails well maintained so we can all enjoy trail riding more. They volunteer time or materials to the cause. To join this service oriented group, visit www.kytrailriding.com

NEW 4-H TRAIL PROGRAM

With the assistance of the Kentucky Horse Council, the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program has launched a new Competitive Trail Riding program for 4-Hers who would like to compete in 4-H events but are interested in trail riding.

The first group of 4-Hers attended a mandatory competitive trail riding clinic on March 19th in Boyd County, where Amy Thelan, an experienced Trail Competitor with the Daniel

Boone Distance Riders, explained to the kids how to condition their horses, what to expect from the judges, how a trail competition is organized, and what the different types of competitions are.

This first 4-H sanctioned ride will be on May 26-27 at Cave Run Lake, and is sponsored by the OAATES group (Ohio Arabian..). The ride will be a 15 mile ride.

This first clinic and ride was

oriented towards Eastern Kentucky, and a second clinic and ride will be held this fall in Western Kentucky.

Next year we hope to add additional clinics and rides in Northern Kentucky and Southern Kentucky.

For more information on the program, contact Kristen Harvey at UK, at 859-257-5701 or Ginny Grulke at the KHC at 859-367-0509.

KHC ALL-BREEDS COUNCIL

On March 29, the first meeting of the KHC All-Breed Council met to discuss issues that affect each breed's ability to successfully promote their breed, attract new

people into the breed, and have a higher level of participation within the associations. One major goal that all agreed on is to attract more non-horse owners to the industry.

To accomplish this, the KHC agreed to work on a state-wide All-Breed Horse Promotion program. We will report on progress in upcoming newsletters.

STATE VETERINARIAN'S OFFICE

New regulations are being considered by the State Veterinarian which, if enacted, would make it easier on horse owners to move their horses around within Kentucky as well as to other states in the process of showing or trail riding, etc. Rather than requiring a

150-day Certificate of Veterinary Inspection ("Health Papers"), Kentucky horses could be issued a 12-month "Certificate" whose expiration date would coincide with the expiration date on the horse's Coggins papers. In addition to the 'instate certificate', an 'Equine

Passport for Interstate Travel' is being considered. This document would be recognized by member states for interstate travel and would be valid for up to six (6) months. These new approaches have not yet been filed with the appropriate regulatory bodies, but could be effective by Spring, 2008.

Kentucky Horse Park Issues New Health and Equipment Guidelines for Exhibitors

The Kentucky Horse Park (KHP) recently announced several changes which will affect those who wish to compete in upcoming competitions. These changes include updates to the equine health protocol, new regulations regarding electrical equipment, and the addition of a trailer grounds fee.

In response to the recent outbreaks of the Equine Herpes Virus and their concern over the continual health and safety of horses, the management of the KHP announced a specific health protocol to all exhibitors who plan to travel to the KHP for any events this year. The state of Kentucky requires that all horses entering the state provide a negative Coggins test within one year of entry as well as a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) signed by a licensed veterinarian within 30 days of entry. Horses originating within the state of Kentucky are required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection within 150 days.

It is additionally recommended that all horses be vaccinated for Equine EHV-1 (either modified live or killed

vaccine) prior to entry and that the date of vaccination be noted on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. To facilitate the inspection process by Kentucky Department of Agriculture personnel, this paperwork must accompany the horses upon arrival and be available throughout their stay.

In compliance with the State of Kentucky Fire Code, the KHP will no longer allow any of the following in stalls, barns or tents: any 2 prong plug appliances (fans, etc.); any 2 prong plug extension cords; light duty cords for indoor use; any 3-way adaptors unless specifically for outdoor use; any adaptors without 3 prong connections and any equipment not in compliance is subject to confiscation.

Because of the inadvertent damage done by trailers and tied horses to the grounds and show areas, the park has been incurring rising costs to keep those areas clean and well maintained. To address these costs, the park is implementing a few changes to relieve some of the stress on the grounds and amenities. One of the changes is a Trailer Grounds Fee for

all competitors who compete at the park without renting a stall, which can be purchased through the show office for \$20 per day or \$75 for the season (the national standard amount). For more information on the Trailer Grounds Fee and other changes, contact Sheila Stovall, 859-259-4205 or Sheila.stovall@ky.gov.

Kentucky Humane Society Offers Equine Career Topics at Summer Camp

The KY Humane Society's **Career Discovery Camp**, available for young people 13-16 years old, is offered one week in June and one week in July. This hands-on, interactive program is perfect for teenagers who are interested in pursuing a career with dogs, cats or horses. Participants learn about a number of occupations involving companion animals from the professionals themselves! With limited availability, Career Discovery Camp will book up quickly!

For more information, call (502) 515-3145 or visit www.kyhumane.org.

NON-RACEHORSE BREEDERS INCENTIVES LAUNCHED

Legislation was passed in 2005 which was aimed at retaining Kentucky's World Class racehorse breeding operations. This legislation also included cash awards for the state's largest non-race breeds. (Approximately 15% of the total funds went to the non-race breeds.) The fund amounts for the ten non-race breeds have been announced by the Kentucky Racing Authority and are listed at the right. Each breed had previously submitted an awards program which was reviewed and approved by the Authority.

Summary of 2006 Non-Race Breeders Incentive Distributions

KENTUCKY APPALOOSA OWNERS ASSOCIATION	KENTUCKY PASO FINO HORSE ASSOCIATION
\$50,861	\$11,680
SOUTH CENTRAL HACKNEY ASSOCIATION	KENTUCKY QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
\$13,554	\$368,942
KENTUCKY MORGAN HORSE ASSOCIATION	KENTUCKY SADDLEBRED OWNERS AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
\$13,937	\$120,919
KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE	KENTUCKY WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION
\$136,447	\$320,103
KENTUCKY PAINT HORSE CLUB (KPHC)	
\$95,263	

UNITED MOUNTAIN HORSE OPENS EQUESTRIAN CENTER



On April 13th, a new boost was provided to the Kentucky horse industry, particularly for horse facilities and events. The United Mountain Horse Association officially opened The UMH Equestrian Center, located in southern Clark County.

Situated on 300 acres next to the Mountain Parkway and within view of Pilot Knob, the facility will offer an outdoor stadium, dressage ring, stadium trail challenge and a cross-country course, plus 300 stalls for competitors. The site also is currently the national headquarters of United Mountain Horse Inc., which was formed in 2000 to help promote and exhibit registered Rocky Mountain, Mountain Pleasure and Kentucky Mountain horses.



In May, the Equestrian Center hosted what is considered to be the first-ever Three Phase Competition for gaited horses, with the three phases of competition including dressage, cross-country and a stadium trail obstacle challenge. Mountain Horse enthusiasts from several states participated, excited to be in the first competition of this kind.

NATIONAL NEWS

Legislation has been introduced to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), commonly known as "Superfund," to provide that **livestock manure is not considered a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant under that Act.**

Unlike last Congress' version, this bill protects horses along with other livestock. The AHC worked with the supporters of the bill to ensure that the definition of "livestock" included horses. **END**

Representatives Bart Stupak (D-MI) and Michael C. Burgess (R-TX) recently introduced "The HIPAA Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act". This bill would **bar employers from discriminating against those who take part in legal recreational activities such as horseback riding, motorcycling, ATV riding and snowmobiling in the health-insurance programs they offer their workers.** Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Russ Feingold (D-WI) introduced identical legislation in the Senate. **END**

Welcome to our KHC Equine Association members!

Knott County Saddle Club
Menifee Trail Riders Association
Kentucky Dressage Association
Northern KY Horse Network
TREK
Grant County Saddle Club
Riders Up Wheels Rollin
American Hanoverian Society
SAHIBA
KY Natural Gaited Horse Asso.
KY Walking Horse Association
Eastern KY Walking/Racking Asso.
Rocky Mountain Horse Asso.
McLean County 4-H
NAERIC
Midstates Mule/Donkey Show Society

KHC NATURAL PLEASURE CLASS - 2007 SADDLEBRED SHOWS

The Kentucky Horse Council is pleased to announce the participating shows for the 2007 Kentucky Horse Council Natural Pleasure Class. This class is open to Saddlebred or Saddlebred-type horses; and follows the same general rules as Saddlebred English Country Pleasure EXCEPT the horse must be plain shod, with non-weighted shoes and the tail must appear to not have been cut or set. Cross-entry is allowed at

same show only in hunter or western pleasure performance classes and all academy classes.

The Kentucky Horse Council provides a trophy, ribbons and sponsor fee to the shows offering these classes. Although any qualified entry may participate, members of the Kentucky Horse Council can accumulate points towards a year-end high point award. To be eligible for this

award the horse owner must be a member of the Kentucky Horse Council. Points accumulate from the date membership is received.



Margie Loesser, KHC Board Member, presents award to Suzanne Meeks

2006 HIGH POINT WINNER

Suzanne Meeks received a trophy and a cash award after her American Saddlebred horse, Wild Fire Jewels, was named 2006 KHC Natural Pleasure High Point champion. Suzanne and Wild Fire took home blue ribbons in KHC Natural Pleasure at three participating shows in 2006.

Saddlesbred Shows Participating in 2007 are:

- KASPHA - The May Classic**, May 11 & 12, 2007, Shelbyville, KY
- Bourbon County Fair & Horse Show**, June 30, 2007, Paris, KY
- Western KY Saddlebred Association Horse Show**, June 24, 2007, Cadiz, KY
- Franklin County Fair & Horse Show**, July 20, 2007, Frankfort, KY
- Lexington Lions Bluegrass Fair Horse Show**, July 21, 2007, Lexington, KY
- Western KY Saddlebred Association Horse Show**, August 4, 2007, Cadiz, KY
- BWS Mid-Summer Classic**, August 11, 2007, Louisville, KY
- KASPHA Kentucky State Championship**, September 15, 2007, Shelbyville, KY

UNWANTED HORSES

UHC Unveils Website and Awareness Brochure Encourages Horse Owners to “Own Responsibly”

The Unwanted Horse Council (UHC) announced today the launch of its website and the release of an awareness brochure.

Both the website and brochure explain the UHC and its mission, which is to reduce the number of unwanted horses and to improve their welfare. It will do that through educational outreach and the efforts of various organizations committed to the health, safety, and responsible care and disposition of unwanted horses.

The UHC was created following the Unwanted Horse Summit that

was organized by the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) and held in conjunction with the American Horse Council's annual meeting in April 2005. In June 2006, the group was folded into the American Horse Council.

The website also provides resources and links for retiring and rescuing horses, methods for handling the loss of a horse, and suggestions to help people “Own Responsibly,” which is the motto of the UHC.

The UHC asks your organizations to provide a link to the new

website at

www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org on your websites.

To learn more about the UHC, visit the website at

www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org or contact Katy Carter, coordinator, Unwanted Horse Coalition, at (202) 296-4031 for a printed copy of the awareness brochure.

The Kentucky Horse Council has UHC Brochures for your group gathering. Call or email the KHC office at--
859-367-0509
khc_info@kentuckyhorse.org

CLASSIFIED ADS

.44 acre for sale. Situated on Cave Run Lake within Daniel Boone National Forest. On peninsula. Adjacent Pioneer Weapons Area. Near riding trails, horse camp. Near recent national endurance horse competition site at Leatherwood. \$29,000.00. Call (606) 768-9654.

CLASSIFIED RATES

\$20 for 40 words per newsletter. Any horse related ad accepted.

DISPLAY RATES

\$30 per column inch.
One column is 2 1/8" wide.
Two columns are 4 7/16" wide.
Three columns are 6 3/4" wide.
Send camera-ready PDF files in black and white only, 200 dpi or higher.

EQUINE ASSOCIATIONS BENEFIT FROM HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

If your horse club or association joins the Kentucky Horse Council, the club can:

Purchase Insurance for liability protection at all of its events through Equi-Sure, a major national equine insurance company

Get \$10 cash back from the Council for every member who joins the Horse council as an individual

Get free website hosting for up to an eight page site

Receive first consideration for complimentary tickets or participation in new programs from the Horse Council.

Association dues are \$50 for the year and are renewable in January. Apply online at www.kentuckyhorse.org or print an application from the website to send in with a check.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

We welcome submitted articles and ads. Deadlines for the next two issues are:

July: June 30

September: August 31

NEW KHC INSURANCE BENEFITS

Effective May 1st, all members of the Kentucky Horse Council (both individual members and Equine Association members) are eligible for the following list of insurance policies from Equi-Sure.

Whether you are an individual horse owner or an officer of a club, please review your insurance situation to see if any of these policies fit your needs. If you are already a member, you may call Equi-Sure directly to ask about details and pricing. If you are not a member, join KHC online at kentuckyhorse.org, or use the form below.

For individual and family members:

- Horse Mortality and Major Medical
- Riding Instructor/Trainers Insurance

For Equine Associations:

- Competition/Show Liability Insurance
- Association Group Liability Insurance
- Club Directors & Officers Liability

Equi-Sure, Inc. 1-800-752-2472 or www.equisure-inc.com

KHC GRANTS AWARDED

The Kentucky Horse Council Grants Program provides funds for the following type of activities:

**Developing education programs focusing on equine management, health and welfare

**Educating horse owners and the general public about equine rescue and disaster recovery programs

**Encouraging the use of the horse as a therapeutic resource

**Encouraging the safe use of the horse on both on Trails and in the show ring

**Encouraging projects and events that educate the community about the equine industry of Kentucky

So far in 2007, grants have been

provided to:

Western Kentucky 4-H Horse Camp, where non-horse children are introduced to horses in a safe and educational setting

The Kentucky Equine Humane Society which is dedicated to rescuing, sheltering and adopting out unwanted horses of all breeds.

Name: _____ Club / Farm / Business (optional): _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Daytime Telephone: _____
 E-Mail: _____

KHC membership type: [All memberships include the NTRA discount program.]
 Individual \$35.00 [Includes \$1M Personal Liability Policy]
 Family \$50.00 Number of Members _____ [includes \$1M Personal Liability Policy]
 Names of Family Members: _____
 Farm as a Business \$25.00 [includes free BOLD listing in the Annual Directory]
 Equine Association \$50.00 [\$10 cash back to club with KHC membership, free website hosting, free webpage.]
 4-H Club \$15.00 [\$10 cash back to club with KHC membership, free website hosting, free webpage.]
 Business \$150.00 [includes your name on the KHC website, dIrectory, ad discount and link to your website]
 Sponsor \$500.00 [includes your logo on the KHC website, link to your website, your logo on the KHC newsletter, special recognition at the KHC annual meeting]

\$10 of your KHC dues will go towards a new membership in one of the following organizations. Check one.
 Knott County Saddle Club Grant County Saddle Club Menifee Trail Riders Association
 KY Natural Gaited Horse Associaton KY Dressage Association Northern KY Horse Network
 Riders Up Wheels Rollin American Hanoverian Society SAHIBA
 KY Eastern Walking/Racking Horse Asso KY Walking Horse Asso. Rocky Mountain Horse Asso.
 NAERIC McLean County 4-H Club Midstates Mule & Donkey Show Society

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 Please make checks payable to The Kentucky Horse Council

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 WITH CREDIT
 CARD AT:
[www.kentuckyhorse.org/
 join.shtml](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/join.shtml)**