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Hunt Horse Complex
Raleigh, NC
March 4th—7:00pm

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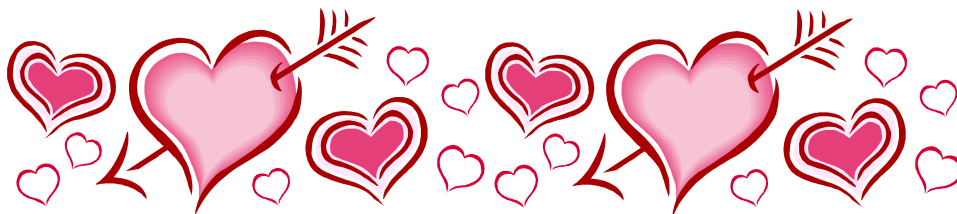
Randy Ratliff

First, let me say "Thank You" for electing me as President of your North Carolina Horse Council. I look forward to working with you and representing you over the next couple of years as we work together to fulfill our mission "To serve as the collective voice of the North Carolina equine community through education, communication and representative."

We have numerous challenges on the horizon. However, each of those challenges presents opportunities for us to communicate our mission and purpose to the horse-owner, legislature, and general public. The Equine Economic Assessment will be published very soon and I believe it will create a lot of awareness and open a lot of eyes to the impact that horses, horse owners, horse shows and trail rides have on the economy of North Carolina.

The North Carolina Horse Council is a volunteer organization and we need every member to engage to ensure success. I would urge you to review the Bylaws, Committee list, and Strategic Plan to see where you would like to contribute. Please contact me or the committee chair to express your interest.

Thanks again for your support and I look forward to working for you.

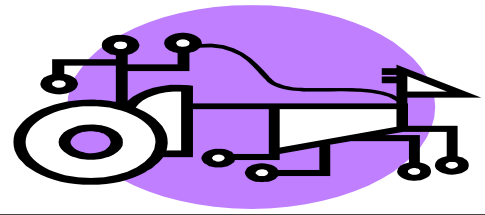


"Politicians listen to organizations that represent large numbers of voters."
(Equine Attorney George G. Johnson, Jr. from Western Horseman)

The North Carolina Horse Council is your voice!
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Horsepower.... Thoughts from the Executive Director



Accomplishments

- Trails Consultant meeting
- Meeting with Federal representative of the Overland Victory Trail
- Attended the State Horse Council Meeting
- Participated in two phone conferences with the Kentucky State Horse Council, Illinois Horse Council, Pennsylvania Horse Council, Arizona Horseman's Association and Utah State Horse Council.
- Designed Facebook Page for National Association of State Horse Councils
- Web Design Meeting
- RMI Show
- Negotiated a new Event Insurance Policy
- Meeting with West Region and Etowah Riding Club
- Friends of Hill Forest and NCSU Representative's meeting
- Discussed a new Educational Program with the NC Horsehoers Association
- Conducted a Strategic Planning Meeting and prepared a report on the status of our strategic plan
- Participated in discussions with other State Horse Councils on the establishment of a National Organization of State Horse Councils
- Recruited sponsors for the Southern Horse Festival (SHF)
- Conducted the Southern Horse Festival
- Prepared the 2008 Year in Review
- Met with the new manager of the Hunt Horse Complex, Dale Barnett
- Ordered new winter t-shirts and apparel for the NCHC Store
- Designed and ordered new window decals for store windows to market the NCHC

Trail Issues

The month began by meeting with the NCHC Trail Consultants and Bob Sanford. The group hosted a meeting with Federal Parks representative to discuss the inclusion of horses on the Overland Victory Trail. The Trail representative was positive about the inclusion of horses and shared that the reason the revolutionary army was successful was due in large part to the fact that our American revolutionary forces were mounted and that the British forces were on foot. We will continue to discuss these trails with local and regional trail associations.

In addition, our trail grid logo and spreadsheet were posted on the web. I met with our web designer to discuss the actual layout of the map. The work is on-going, however, we hope to have the trails placed in their respective regions and then add to them.

A meeting was held between representatives of the Friends of Hill Forest and NCSU. This was the outcome of a meeting that I held with Dean Robert Brown in October. The groups discussed their areas of concern and how they can work together in the future to maintain equestrian access to the Forest as well as other recreational user groups. A smaller working group has been identified to set priorities and goals.

Event Liability Insurance

The NCHC event liability insurance policy was due for renewal. Multiple bids were solicited and a reduced rate for the coming year was negotiated. The first event was the SHF .

Horsepower....Thoughts from the Executive Director

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Southern Horse Festival

The Southern Horse Festival was held in Williamston in December, 2008. The number of participants were down this year but equal to our first year in Raleigh. Multiple members of the Board assisted with the show. Sammy Jenkins, Myra Daniel, Casey Armstrong and Mike Yoder all participated. Sue Meyer, a past member of the Board of Directors, donated her time judging the Saddle Seat Division. Dr. Tim Potter judge the Halter. Western, Non-Trotting and Versatility Class and Shawn Potter judge all of the Hunter Jumper Classes.

All the exhibitors who attended were satisfied and expressed their hope that we would continue the show in Williamston next year. The town of Williamston donated a gift basket which was awarded to the winner of the Versatility Class.

RMI Raleigh Benefit Show

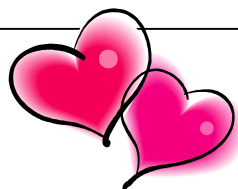
The RMI Show was successfully completed. I reviewed the show with the Chair person, Sue Grayson. Sue has provided a notebook for next years' committee and agreed to be a member of the committee serving as the financial advisor. We discussed the possibilities for a new chairperson. In addition we reviewed what worked well and what might be improved for next year.

New Manager—Hunt Horse Complex

I was a member of the search committee to hire a new manager of the Hunt Horse Complex. Dale Barnett has since been hired and we spent time discussing the needs of the Equine Industry. Dale will become a Governmental member of our Board of Directors and is looking forward to becoming active in the Council.

State Horse Council

Bob Sanford and I attended the State Horse Council meetings in Minneapolis. A majority of the meeting was devoted to the discussion of a possible new National Organization of State Horse Councils. After the meeting, two phone conferences have been held. I developed and posted a new Facebook page for this possible new organization and posted two discussion groups.



Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan was reviewed on December 3rd. The Executive Committee along with several members of the Board spent the day reviewing our accomplishments and deciding what changes needed to be made. A draft plan was then written and distributed to members of the planning committee. The final plan was presented at the Annual Meeting.

Based on the current Strategic Plan a report was prepared documenting our accomplishments. This has provided the basis for the 2008 Year in Review on Page 4.

Region One News

I attended a pot-luck supper in Hendersonville with Jon Jachens, West Region One Manager, and members of the Etowah Riding Club. The group is interested in participating in our regional activities via assisting with communication, addressing equine needs such as health warnings and identifying legislators and local political authorities.

Hoof Care Seminar

Jerry Langdon from the NC Horseshoers Association has partnered with NCHC to provide an educational program on hoof care. The initial curriculum is being designed. The program is scheduled for Monday, February 9th, from 9 am—12 pm and will be held in the Martin Building at the State Fairgrounds.

Year in Review—2008

January - The year began with presentations to the National Equine Facilities Conference and the North Carolina Arabian Horse Association Annual Meeting. Quarterly meetings were also started with our two trail consultants as we continue to be faced by multiple trail issues. The Council moved forward with the newly funded Equine Study by sending out requests to all Equine Associations requesting endorsements for the Study Brochure. In addition, we continued work on the feed referendum by submitting all appropriate materials to NCSU Officials for distribution. A new regional managers training manual was completed as well as conducting our first training meeting for the newly identified managers. Finally, we successfully reviewed our Education Grants.

February - Work continued through February on the Referendum, the Equine Economic Impact Study and Grant reviews. In addition several speaking engagements including the American Saddlebred Association Convention and an open Equestrian interest meeting in Chowan County occurred. We prepared a new agribusiness incentive program. Discussions were held with the city of Raleigh to clarify water use at the Hunt Horse Complex which was placed under Stage 2 restrictions. Continued improvements were made to our Webpage.

March - The Education Grants were awarded during March and our Trail Grants were posted. Several meetings were attended including: the NCSU Department of Animal Science Equine Advisory Committee Meeting and the NCHC Education Committee Meeting. We also meet with the NCSU Equestrian Club to discuss the possibilities of being joint sponsors of a new Raleigh Benefit Horse Show. Trails activity included the second meeting of the trails consultants and plans for a new Trail Grid. In addition work continued with the newly formed Friends of Hill Forest. A new format for an Equine Directory was put into place. And to conclude the month, the Referendum was successfully passed.

April - New activities in April included speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony at the Martin Center in Williamston. Two new barns are being built. Meetings with the Equine Extravaganza Sponsor and regional managers also occurred during this month. Trail issues continued to be addressed as the NCHC assisted the Friends of Hill Forest in their efforts. Several discussions were held with the NC Department of Agriculture on the ten year plans for the State's Equine Facilities. A new Southern Horse Festival budget was prepared and reviewed. Work continued on the Economic Study and the review of the State Equine Facilities. Finally a grant was prepared and submitted to the State Parks for an NCHC sponsored Trail School

May - In May, the NCHC was recognized for our work during the drought regarding hay relief. Trail Grants were awarded and the quarterly meeting with the trail consultants was held. Continued discussions were held with the Friends of Hill Forest. Work on the RMI Benefit Horse Show and the Southern Horse Festival was ongoing during May. A new membership flyer was prepared and distributed. The webpage was changed to add the new equine directory and the Sponsors page was updated. The NCHC submitted an application to the American Horse Council for the Van-Ness Award. Legislative activity was prominent during this month as we worked on the new horse council license plate.

June/July - Trail and Communities Grants were funded during this time period. Health Grants were posted. Meetings were held with Legislative and Agricultural leaders, the Economic Development Officer of Martin County, members of the Travel and Tourism Department of Martin County and researchers from Western Carolina University regarding the Economic Impact Study. Representatives of the NCHC attended the American Horse Council's National Issues Forum in Washington, DC. In addition, I participated as a judge for the State 4-H contest. Several issues regarding Equine Disaster Planning were also discussed during this month. The NCHC increased our presence in the Equine Community by participating in the NC Equine Extravaganza. Recruitment for new Regional Managers was on-going. Legislative meetings included discussions of our state's equine facilities specifically improvements to the Hunt Horse Complex.

August - A Western Regional Meeting was conducted. In addition, the NCHC attended a news conference in Fletcher regarding the role out of the new ten year plan and the improvements for equine events at this facility. A newly formed legislative committee meeting was held during this month and a new legislative agenda was identified. Staff attended the Farm Bureau Policy review day and several meetings in Columbus County which resulted in increased membership. Our last round of grants, the Health Grants, was awarded.

September - Once again, the NCHC staffed a booth at the Mountain State Fair during September. The Council was asked to participate in the review and interviews for the new Hunt Horse Complex Manager. Several trail meetings occurred including meetings with the Pisgah Trailblazers and the NC Back Country Horsemen. The Trail consultants and staff continued work on the new Trail Grid. Trail work this month included meeting with Dean Brown of NCSU to negotiate a compromise on the use of Hill Forest. SHF and RMI planning continued.

Year in Review—2008

October - A new trail opportunity was discussed with Chatham County. A meeting between Friends of Hill Forest and NCSU was established. Meetings were held with a new coalition of trail user groups to establish joint legislative agendas. Financial reviews were begun with the auditor and a first draft of the 2009 budget was constructed. The council participated in the NC State Fair, identified a new West Region One Manager and held a meeting to discuss the NCHC role in assisting with the development and support of the NCSU Equine Unit.

November - November was highlighted by the successful completion of the Raleigh Benefit Horse Show. Representatives attended the State Horse Council Meeting in Minnesota. Several follow-up meetings occurred after the State Horse Council meeting to begin the development of a potential new national organization of State Councils. Trail work saw the completion of the meeting with NCSU and a positive outcome for future talks. In addition, discussions with the federal representative of the Overland Victory Trail were positive in the possibility of including Equine trails. Meetings were held with the Etowah Riding Club and other members of the West Region to discuss possible organization and improving communications in the West Region. Financial issues were addressed including negotiating a reduced insurance rate for 2009. A new Educational Program was identified and plans have been made to hold the first seminar in 2009.

December - The year was completed by holding a strategic planning meeting. Discussions are on-going for the formation of a new national state horse council organization. The Southern Horse Festival was conducted in Williamston with lots of positive response. The new Hunt Horse Complex manager was welcomed to the Council. Our new 2009 Budget was completed and approved.

SUMMARY

This was a year of several major accomplishments. The Council was operating under a newly constructed budgetary process. Two new equine events, the Raleigh Benefit Horse Show and the Southern Horse Festival were successful. The development of additional equine educational seminars began this year and two new course concepts were identified: the good, the bad and the ugly of hoof care and legal issues 101 for equine owners.

Trail issues dominated the year, specifically the negotiations with NC State University and the Friends of Hill Forest. However, multiple new trail friends and allies were achieved this year. We saw increased membership within several trail organizations. Looking towards the future a new coalition of trail advocate and user groups has been formed and we continue to pursue joint legislative efforts which will benefit us all. A new trail grid identifying trails in North Carolina is another major highlight for this year. A Grant funded two trail schools for 2008. Both schools were well attended with a request to hold more!

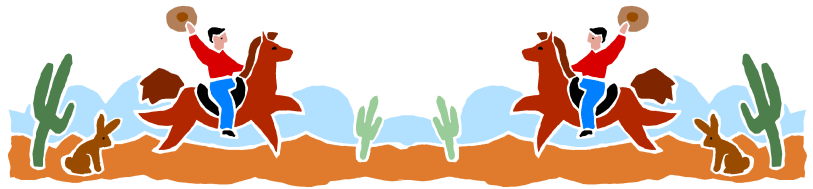
We were successful in building our relationships with multiple state agencies as we became involved with legislative and budgetary issues connected to our state equine facilities and management of those facilities. The Council actively participated in the development of the new Equine Disaster Plan. Tax assessment and revenue issues were also highlighted this year as we gained a positive legal outcome on the interpretation of GS 105 and GS 106 which favored equine owners and farmers. We were not successful in passing the necessary legislation for our NC Horse Council License Plate but are hopeful for 2009. The year was rounded out by the beginning identification of an equine friendly legislative caucus.

Technologically we have continued to advance our web presence. We successfully launched a new Equine Directory and improved our electronic communication to our membership. To date we receive over 140,000 visits to our webpage per month.

I would like to personally thank all of the NCHC Board members who have helped to make this year a success. I would also like to highlight in this year-end report the outstanding work of two new members of our Board. These new members provided outstanding service to the Council: Sue Grayson for her wonderful leadership and dedication in making the Raleigh Benefit Horse Show an outstanding success and Curtis Potter for his leadership in assisting in the development of the Western Region, legal advice to the Friends of Hill Forest and his active participation on the newly formed Legislative Committee. Please welcome in the New Year by taking the time to thank Sue and Curtis for a job well done!

-Sue Gray

News from the Trail



N.C. Horse Council Trails Committee **2008 Annual Report**

Leadership Development and Support – We continued to develop and support a regional leadership approach, and anticipate this growing as the NCHC regional managers grow in their roles. The eastern trails committee was chaired by Clare Reece-Glore for the first half of 2008; Jim Bell has accepted the chair going forward into 2009. The western trails committee was chaired by Beverly Duval. Local “champions” have emerged to support several on-going projects. Barb Oslund and Jim Hallsey continue to provide consulting support in the east and west, respectively.

Monitor/Influence Legislative Action – To gain equality in the consideration of equestrian trails on state-owned lands, NCHC would like to develop a legislative initiative to mandate input from the Equine Industry in all trails discussions with State land managers. Other options may include developing Memorandum of Understanding with Federal land managers such as the National Park Service. This approach emulates what national and local mountain biking organizations have successfully accomplished, thus requiring mountain bike trails to be considered equally along other recreational uses.

Despite 2007 comments to the Jordan Lake Nutrient Management Strategy rules (specifically 15A NCAC 02B .0264), no change to 5 horse threshold limit is in the rule. However, our comments have influenced the makeup of the Watershed Oversight Committee by requiring the appointment of a specific equine industry representative (vs. a general livestock representative). The recommended rule changes were adopted by the NC Environmental Management Commission on May 8, 2008, though are currently unfunded by the legislature.

To influence land management and regulation, trail consultants and NCHC trail supporters helped local trail group develop a proposal to change the regulation that currently prohibit equestrian usage of the Butner-Falls of the Neuse gamelands. Though it was not surprising that this proposal died at the Wildlife Resources Commission committee level, it provided lessons on WRCs approach to land management and what might be successful in the future. NCHC has also been working very hard with the Friends of Hill Forest and NCSU to negotiate a compromise that would maintain public access to Hill Forest. Other efforts have include discussions with the NPS at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, to restore equestrian access to inland trails and maintain beach access, while dealing with complex legal and environmental challenges at this park.

NCHC trails consultants have also provided formal and informal comments on the High Country Regional Trails Plan, the Northwest Piedmont Regional Trails Plan, the Carolina Thread Trail, South Mountain State Park Master Plan, Stone Mountain State Park Master Plan and the Jordan Lake Recreation Master Plan.

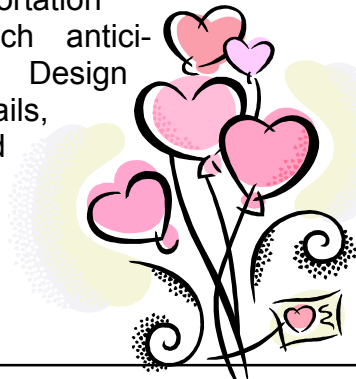
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News from the Trail Continued

Coalition Building – The trails committee continues to support and be involved in the Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference (SETC). In 2008 we again sponsored new regional managers and volunteers to represent us at this conference in SC. Conference topics included using GPS and GIS as tools for trail design, low impact/leave no trace equine camping, several case studies of equestrian trail projects and access issues on public lands, financial and cultural threats to future equestrian access, and promotion of riding opportunities in the host state of South Carolina. Speakers were from the Federal Highway Administration, US Forest Service, National Park Service, several SC state and local parks, Trail Rider magazine and RFD-TV's Best of America by Horseback. The contacts, information and networking are always very useful, resulting in the NCHC having increased recognition as having a strong trails and land stewardship emphasis. NCHC has been asked to consider holding the conference in NC again in 2011.

NCHC also continues to work closely with conservation organizations and land managers. In 2008 this has included the Friends of the Mountains to Sea Trail (FMST) and Durham County Open Space and Trails. The collaboration has been both project specific (portions of the MST and Hill Forest, respectively) and broad, including sharing knowledge on grant opportunities and developing a letter to the Obama transition team that encourages consideration of trail projects as part of the economic stimulus packages. NCHC also met with Chatham County Parks and Recreation staff to discuss the success of the FETA trail system and the possibilities for something similar in Chatham. Our western trails consultant has been meeting with the Blue Ridge Horseman's Association about the Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina recent acquisition of land traditionally used for trail riding.

Research and Information Resources – The trails consultants helped finalize a trails information grid that was started several years ago by committee members. NCHC staff are working with NCDA to have this published and available on the Internet at a low cost, to promote trail riding locations across NC. Also, the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation released the much anticipated "Equestrian Design Guidebook for Trails, Trailheads, and Campgrounds".



Education and Outreach – NCHC received a \$10,000 grant from the NC Recreational Trails Program to hold two Trail Crew Leadership training courses in 2008. One was hosted at South Mountain State Park in September and the second at Medoc Mountain State Park in November. Interest in the courses was high, and the fifteen spaces were nearly filled in both courses by a mix of equestrian trail volunteers and land manager/park staff. The instructor (Mike Riter) continues to get positive feedback and his material is challenging and expands as his professional practice grows.

Trails consultants also provided trail Issues and trail riding presentations for the Franklin Co Horseman's Association, Columbus County Extension, and Guilford Co. Extension Equine short course series.

Specific Trails Projects in 2008

Access and Advocacy

- Hill Forest
- Jordan Lake Nutrient Management Plan
- Jordan Lake Recreation Master Plan revision
- Lumber River State Park
- South Mountain State Park
- Stone Mountain State Park
- Uwharrie National Forest revised Land Management Plan
- Cape Hatteras National Seashore
- Falls Lake Gamelands Rule change
- Sauratown Trail section of the Mountains to Sea Trail

Getting Trails on the Ground

- Brunswick County Nature Park
- Hoke County Community Forest/Conservation Fund
- Hoke County USDA McCain Tract
- Harris Lake County Park/Piney Woods tract
- Medoc Mountain State Park
- Tanglewood Park (may actually be Western region)
- Lake Myra County Park
- Davidson County Landfill Trails
- Iredell County Equine Trails
- Overmountain Victory Trail National Recreation Trail

2009 Grants

The information for the 2009 Grants available through the North Carolina Horse Council has now been posted to the website. Grants for 2009 will be available in the following categories:

- Education Grants - \$750 max award per grant
- Trail & Community Grants - \$1,500 max award per grant
- Health & Research Grants - \$6,000 max award per grant

For additional information on Grants, or to apply for a Grant, please click on the "Grant" icon on the main web page. From this location, you can submit a Grant Application. If you have any questions regarding this process, please call the NCHC Office at (919) 854-1990.

NCHC is proud to have funded grants during 2008 in the following categories, at a total payout of \$62,502.79. These categories include:

Education Grants	\$12,000.00
Trail & Community Grants	\$9,979.16
Health & Research Grants	\$12,000.00
Education Fund Grants	\$28,523.63
Total Funds Dispersed	\$62,502.79



Education Grants are currently being accepted through January 31, 2009.

Recipients of awards must follow a simple set of guidelines, which can be found on the NCHC website at www.nchorsecouncil.com.

Equine Industry Directory

Get the new year off to a good start by listing your business in the NC Horse Council Equine Directory. The Directory is growing thanks to all the new businesses that are signing up. Get your listing on the NC Horse Council website today and be noticed. Again last month the NCHC website averaged over 140,000 hits, that's 4,600+ hits per day. Just think of the potential! Businesses are welcome to submit their contact information to the Horse Council to be included in the Directory. If you prefer, go to the website and sign up on-line. It's fast, easy, and your listing goes on the website immediately.

The cost per listing is \$12 per year for NCHC Members or \$24 per year for Non-Members. Categories range from apparel, boarding facilities, farriers, and horse transportation services to tack and supply and training and instruction. For the complete list of categories, check out the NCHC website.

Don't get left behind—list your business in the Directory today and reach out to the horse community. Visit the website for more information.

Events Calendar

Don't forget to send the NCHC your events for 2009 as soon as dates are set. Events are listed in order by date to keep you informed of the happenings in the horse world throughout North Carolina and surrounding areas. If you are hosting an event, i.e. trail ride, open show, etc., please let us know.

Visit the NCHC website and click on Events (located on the Home Page More on this site) or go to this web address: <https://www.nchorsecouncil.com/events/>. It's easy to get your event posted on the website. Simply email (or mail) event information to Cheryl@nchorsecouncil.net. Be sure to include the following:

- Date, time & location of event
- Event contact person or website
- Brief description of event, including costs

Every effort is made to keep the Event Calendar up to date. So, let us, and everyone else, know what you're up to! If you haven't checked out the NCHC Event Calendar you could be missing out on a lot.



Emmy LaPann and Pearl at the Southern Horse Festival



Legislative Corner

For more information or questions, please contact NCHC Executive Director Sue Gray (919) 854 1990 or email suegray@nchorsecouncil.com

Legislative Agenda

The 2009 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly will begin Wednesday, January 28, 2009. During this Session, the North Carolina Horse Council has several issues on the legislative agenda. These issues include:

- Support the Equine Related goals of the NC Farm Bureau
- Request a NC Specialty License Plate
- Promote Seven Equine Specialist Initiative
- Monitor Land Use/Value for Equine Farms
- Prepare new legislation similar to Senate Bill 1383 requiring equine participation on all trails discussions concerning public land
- Monitor and support requests for improvement of public equine facilities
- Promote the hiring of a full time equine specialist with the NC AD & CS
- Develop an Equine Caucus/Legislative Interest Group



New NCHC Sweatshirts & T-shirts

Just arrived—black NCHC logo sweatshirts and black NCHC logo long sleeve t-shirts. Show your support for the NC Horse Council by purchasing the new NCHC sweatshirt or long sleeve t-shirt today. To place your order, call the NCHC Office at (919) 854-1990. Please be sure to specify sizes when ordering.

Sweatshirts \$30.00 (plus tax and shipping)

T-shirts \$20.00 (plus tax and shipping)



2009 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Horse Council is comprised of elected members, representatives from equine association members, and government appointed representative members. The annual meeting of the North Carolina Horse Council was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2009 at the Hunt Horse Complex in Raleigh. At the meeting, members of the NCHC were elected to the Board of Directors for a two-year term which expires January, 2011. These newly elected Directors will serve with Directors previously elected, Association Representatives, and Government Appointed Representatives.

Officers

President: Randy Ratliff (term expires 2011)
 Vice-President: Buck McColl (term expires 2011)
 Secretary: Curtis Potter (term expires 2010)
 Treasurer: Clare Reece-Glore (term expires 2011)

Term Expires 2010

John Allen
 Donna Brown
 James Cogdell
 Eileen Coite
 Myra Daniel
 Beverly Duval
 Rex Eatman
 Ann Furr
 Susan Grayson
 Sammy Jenkins
 Leslie Kennedy
 Marlo King
 Meredith Mills
 Billy Parton

Term Expires 2011

Casey Armstrong
 Tom Bennett
 Phil Blalock
 Debbie Campbell
 Tom Hendrickson
 Lucinda Human
 John Montross
 Gayle Nifong
 Bob Sanford
 Johnny Shook

Government Appointments

Mary Ann Bartley-Lehman
 Dale Barnett
 Matt Buchanan
 Callie Fogle
 Steve Lathrop
 Peggy McElveen
 Rusty Miller
 Jeannette Moore
 Graham Moore
 Bob Mowrey
 Connie Mull
 Durwood Taylor
 Mike Yoder

Associations

Cape Lookout National Seashore - Dr. Sue Stuska
 Davidson County Horsemen's Association - Gail Fritts
 Diamon Arabians - Ann Lapointe
 Macon TRACS, Inc. - Jan McGee
 NC 4-H Horse Program - Dr. Bob Mowrey
 NC Arabian Horse Inc. - Heather Stephenson
 NC Quarter Horse Association - Randy Ratliff
 Pamlico County Horseman's Association - To be announced
 Piedmont Paso Fino Horse Association - Dr. Ann Furr
 Triangle Wide Horseman's Association - Ron LaPann
 Union County REINS - To be announced

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Agribusiness Sponsors

Now is the time to sign up your business to become an Agribusiness Sponsor for 2009. The Agribusiness Sponsor program was developed with the business owner in mind. Some of the benefits of being an Agribusiness Sponsor include the following:

- Membership in the NCHC
- Your Company's name and logo on our webpage
- Opportunities for your company's promotion in our Newsletter
- A voice in legislative and regulatory issues facing the Equine Industry

Your sponsorship has the potential to reach thousands of horse owners across the State. There are horse activities in all 100 counties in North Carolina. Our goal is to network the Agribusiness Sponsor with the horse owners and horse enthusiasts located in North Carolina. Sponsorship levels range from \$250 to \$1,000 per year.

Become a part of the exciting Equine Industry by supporting the North Carolina Horse Council as an Agribusiness Sponsor. Additional information can be found on the Horse Council website or by contacting the NCHC Office.

Just one more way we hope that you will keep checking back!