

North Carolina Horse Council

Membership Newsletter



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**NCHC
Board Meeting
Hunt Horse
Complex
January 4th –7pm**

NCHC Officers:

President: Randy Ratliff

VP: Sammy Jenkins

Treasurer: Tom Bennett

Secretary:

Lucinda Human

Executive Dir: Sue Gray

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Membership Drive for 2012

It's time to "Join the Herd" for 2012. The annual membership drive for the North Carolina Horse Council (NCHC) is now in full swing for 2012. Renew your membership, or join for the first time, and receive the remainder of 2011 in your membership. Insurance coverage for 2012 will begin January 1, 2012.

The equine industry has a \$1.9 billion annual economic impact on North Carolina per the North Carolina Equine Industry Study that was conducted recently. With over 306,000 equine in North Carolina and 19,183 jobs tied to the industry, your membership is important.

To join the NCHC, complete the membership application on Page 7 and return it, along with your check, to the NCHC office. If you prefer, visit our website at www.nchorsecouncil.com/membership and join on-line.

Be sure to select the membership option that is right for you. The NCHC offers the following categories:

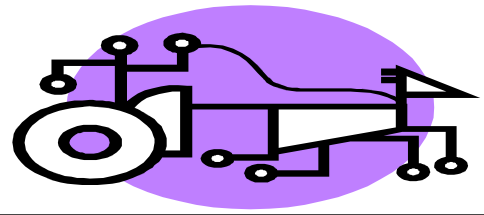
- Individual Membership - \$12
- Individual Membership with Insurance - \$37
- Student Membership - \$6
- Association (less than 50 members) - \$50
- Association (more than 50 members) - \$100
- Lifetime - \$360
- Current lifetime members - remember to renew the Insurance coverage for \$25 if interested.

If you have any questions contact the NCHC office at (919) 854-1990 or toll free at 800-529-9206. Thanks for your support of the North Carolina Horse Council.

Welcome Packages, including insurance certificates for those who choose that option, will be mailed out beginning in December.



Horsepower.... Thoughts from the Executive Director



Accomplishments in 2011

- Successfully established the NCHC Foundation as a separate 501 c (3) organization
- Worked with NCDA&CS and other equine groups to complete improvements to the Hunt Horse Complex
- Finalized our first Memorandum of Understanding with the Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina
- Joined with other US Horse Councils to produce a bi-monthly newsletter of the newly formed Coalition of State Horse Councils. This national endeavor will help build a “toolbox” for all state horse councils...sharing information, discussing mutual problems and designing new programs
- Developed a new grants program to include additional areas of funding for gelding vouchers, euthanasia vouchers, safety-net feed programs, educational scholarships and development grants
- Conducted Regional Caucuses throughout the state to develop our legislative agenda and shape the NCHC strategic plan
- Trained staff and board members on Animal Welfare Issues via learning how to develop “shared values” responses to media personnel and others who might not understand our role on farming or controversial issues such as animal rights
- Successfully conducted a statewide vote renewing our Feed Assessment to support the business of the NCHC
- Developed a new store front to assist our financial growth
- Assisted in establishing a new chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of NC in the Uwharrie Forest
- Received a Grant to provide educational programs and financial assistance to equine farmers initiating Best Management Practices protecting our water supply
- Appointed membership on local water and nutrient control committees to represent the equine industry
- Joined with NC Tractor Supply Company to conduct a successful raffle with all proceeds benefiting the NC Equine Community
- Designed a new NCHC Membership Brochure
- Successfully lobbied to pass legislation establishing a NCHC Specialty License Plate
- Successfully lobbied to pass legislation expanding the exemptions from the state commercial building code for privately owned equine facilities
- Provided written comments on multiple public land trail plans and worked with other trail user groups to begin to develop a statewide plan on trails and greenways
- Participated in the NC Farm Bureau Policy review day helping shape policies regarding the equine industry
- Conducted focus groups across the state to discuss the role of the NCHC and help develop marketing materials to grow the equine community
- Expanded the annual Southern Horse Festival Open all Breed Show to include a new NCQHA “No Bling” all amateur show, educational seminars and a combined training and Dressage show to run concurrent with the Open All Breed Show

NCHC Board Elections 2012

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, November 9, 2011 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 December 31, 2013. These newly elected Directors will serve with Directors previously elected, Association Representatives, and Government Appointed Representatives.

Officers

President:	Randy Ratliff (term expires 2012)
Vice-President:	Sammy Jenkins (term expires 2012)
Secretary:	Lucinda Human (term expires 2014)
Treasurer:	Tom Bennett (term expires 2014)

Term Expires December 31, 2013

Dottie Burch
 Joy Currey
 Rose Cushing
 Myra Daniel
 Diane Ferello
 Scotty Gibbs
 Sammy Jenkins
 Lycurous Lowery
 Mary Myers
 Kaye Myers
 Johnny Shook
 Rebecca Stinson
 Doug Tate
 Tom Thomas
 Laurie Wood

Term Expires December 31, 2012

Casey Armstrong
 Tom Bennett
 Trent Benton
 Phil Blalock
 Linda Falls
 Gary Faulk
 Lucinda Human
 Greg Liles
 Gayle Nifong
 Randy Ratliff
 Bob Sanford
 Susan Schneider
 Patrick Sullivan
 Terry Temple

Government Appointments

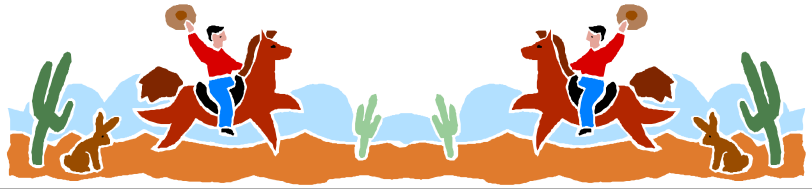
Matt Buchanan
 Callie Fogle
 Steve Lathrop
 Peggy McElveen
 Rusty Miller
 Jeannette Moore
 Graham Moore
 Bob Mowrey
 Connie Mull
 Durward Taylor
 Tammy Thurston
 Will Walls
 Mike Yoder

Associations

On the Board as the membership is renewed for 2012.



News from the Trail



Uwharrie National Forest:

The new **Back Country Horsemen of NC Uwharrie Chapter** holds general membership meetings and scheduled workdays monthly. The next general membership meetings are November 14 and December 12 at the Best Foods cafeteria in Siler City; the December meeting will also include the election of officers for 2012. The next scheduled horse trail workday is November 19. Several members recently received chainsaw certification by the USFS later this year. The new chapter also recently helped staff an informational booth shared with NCHC at the State Fair. For more information about helping on workdays and joining, contact one of the officers below:

Wayne Britt, President tallrider@embarqmail.com
 Holly Dwyer, Vice-President dwyerholly@aol.com
 Carolyn Burnette, Secretary cmymule2@centurylink.com

The public comment period for the Uwharrie National Forest **Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement** closed on September 21. USFS staff informally indicated that over 50 sets of comments about the horse trails were received. The NCHC submitted comments, and for the issue of [certified weed-free hay use \(which we do not support\), we also were able to solicit supporting comments from the Equine Land Conservation Resource \(ELCR\), the NC Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Gene Wood, Professor Emeritus, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Clemson University, and leading researcher on the role of equine recreation and the transport of invasive species.](#)

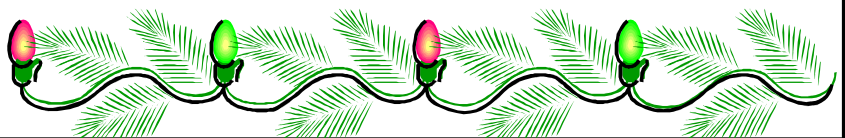
Guilford County:

[Guilford County Parks and Open Space is making progress on locating horse trails on their Bryan Park property. The Guilford Equestrian Trails Alliance will hold a trail clearing workday for this project on October 30, 2011 from 1 PM to 5 PM. Meet at the property located at the corner of Highway 150 and Doggett Road in Browns Summit. For more information contact Betsy Rice \(336\) 307-1092 or Paula Nelson \[pasharr@triad.rr.com\]\(mailto:pasharr@triad.rr.com\).](#)

Funding for Trails:

The Federal Surface Transportation Program (known by the acronym SAFETEA-LU), the source of **Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funds** allocated to states, has been reauthorized by Congress through March 2012. This is virtually the only source of significant grants to fund trail projects, including equestrian trails, in this state. NC is expected to receive close to \$800,000, which is about 65% of the normal allocation; of this amount about \$500,000 will be available for non-motorized trail projects. Grants are awarded up to \$75,000, with a 25% match required. The grant application will be available very soon, and be due January 31, 2012. Please look for an e-mail from NCHC or check the State Parks website http://www.ncparks.gov/About/trails_grants.php. With the future of these funds uncertain and the allocation smaller, this year will be competitive. If you have a trail project in mind on public land, get with your land managers soon and try to submit an application, as there is no guarantee these federal funds will be available again.

The NCHC received four proposals for our 2011 trail grant money, and has recommended funding two projects for a total award of \$6,998. Please see the NCHC website for more information on the selected projects.





2011 Grants Awarded

Education and Community:

- North Carolina State 4H Hippology Championship
- Polk County Mounted Patrol

Health and Research Grants:

- North Carolina State Department of Animal Science: "Effect of Different Feeding Protocols on Rate of Feed Consumption and Postprandial Glucose and Insulin Concentrations in Horses".
- North Carolina College of Veterinary Medicine: "Does large colon resection and anastomosis affect survival in horses with large colon volvulus?"

Scholarship Grant:

NCSU Undergraduate Student in Animal Science intending to be an Equine/Large Animal Veterinarian in North Carolina

Gelding Voucher:

Fully funded in partnership with the NC College of Veterinary Medicine: NCSU CVM and NCHC Castration Clinic, November 11, 2011, Greenville Mobile Equine Clinic, Greenville, NC

Euthanasia Voucher:

One applicant fully funded

Safety Net Program:

One applicant fully funded

Trail Grants:

- Eastern North Carolina Trail Riders/Carolina Classic Horseman's Association, Development of the Brunswick Nature Park Equestrian Trail System, NC Hwy 133, Brunswick County, NC
- NC Back Country Horsemen of Pisgah, Horse containment system for the Wolf Ford Horse Camp

NCHC Store

The NCHC Store has a new look! The store has been totally revamped and items can now be purchased on-line. There will be a greater selection of products that can be ordered, from cups and stickers to sweatshirts, t-shirts and jackets.

Liability Signs are still available from the NCHC Office or can be purchased on-line through the website.

Check out the NCHC Store today!

Polk County Community Information

Sheriff Donald J. Hill is proud to announce the formation of the Polk County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol. Members of the community, organized by Don Lyons, Director, and Sue Truitt, Trainer, along with mentors from the Henderson County Mounted Patrol will be completing a 50 hour training session to become certified Mounted Patrol Members. Plans for the Patrol include contributions to the Polk County community including Steeplechase, Saluda Coon Dog Days & Barbeque Festival patrol as well as involvement with search & rescue and any other endeavors the Sheriff would suggest.



14 volunteers from Polk & surrounding counties train for participation in the Polk County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol

NCHC Foundation

The Equine Industry has deep roots in North Carolina. The first horses arrived in the state during the 1500's where they were used, as they are today, for work, pleasure and companionship. North Carolina's equine population encompasses 306,000 horses, ponies, mules, donkeys and burros. While the equine industry is large, equine enthusiasts tend to segregate by favored breed or type of activity such as trail riding , showing, jumping, racing or working horses. This segregation leads to misinformation, lack of ability for improved economic benefit and sometimes to the lack of proper care and treatment of the animal. The NCHC Foundation was formed for exclusively charitable and educational purposes to preserve and enhance the equine industry. Donations are tax deductible as the Foundation is a 501 c (3).





The Southern Horse Festival was held in Williamston at the Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center November 12—13, 2011. Thanks to all of the exhibitors, volunteers, sponsors and vendors, the show was a huge success. Almost every class was sponsored this year. Thanks to everyone who answered our call to sponsor a class!

Every discipline was represented at the two-day show—Western, English, Saddleseat, and Hunt Seat. Again this year a Trail Horse Challenge was set up. This event included a timed course with obstacles for the horse and rider. A Versatility class was held Saturday evening. This class included 4 separate events: Western Pleasure, English Pleasure, Precision Pattern and Texas Barrels.

A special thanks goes to the many volunteers who worked to make this show a success. In particular, Sammy Jenkins deserves a big round of applause for his hard work as Show Manager. Other volunteers included Myra Daniel, Barb Oslund, Reynolds Gray, Gus Gray, Kim Spell, Judy Jenkins, Cheryl Bennett, Sue Gray, Tina Batchelor and April Keen. Many Board members also contributed their time to this event: Rose Cushing, Trent Benton, Laurie Wood, Dottie Burch and her daughter Charlotte.

A another special thanks goes to Linda Falls for coordinating the NCQHA “No Bling” show that was held Saturday.

A Clinic was hosted Friday evening by Laura and John Montross.

Finally, we need to thank Pat Benton and Lori Stroud for judging the Southern Horse Festival and Fred Heaton for a magnificent job as Announcer.

Don't miss out on the fun next year—be a part of the Southern Horse Festival in 2012.



Want to help us make the Southern Horse Festival even better?

Send your ideas on what you would add to:
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We must receive 300 or more applications for the "NC Horse Council" plate before the plate may be developed.

Please click on the license plate in the bottom right hand corner of our website and fill out your application today. Be sure to submit payment along with your application.

