

North Carolina Horse Council

Membership Newsletter



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**NCHC
Board Meeting
Location to be
Determined
November 3rd-7pm**

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North Carolina represented at the World Equestrian Games!

The North Carolina Horse Council wishes to recognize and congratulate the North Carolina delegation of Nominated Riders to the World Equestrian Games! There are 101 different athletes (some nominated on more than one horse) from 21 different states nominated to represent the United States at the biggest equestrian event in U.S. history.

Our State's delegation includes:

- Robin Brueckmann, Para-Equestrian, Summerfield, NC (Lifetime member of the NCHC)
- Will Faudree, Eventing, Hoffman, NC
- Kathy Groves, Para-Equestrian, Columbus, NC
- Holly Hudspeth, Eventing, Raleigh, NC
- Bill Long, Combined Driving, Southern Pines, NC
- Cindy O'Reilly, Combined Driving, Cameron, NC
- Gary Stover, Combined Driving, Southern Pines, NC



The Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games is the first opportunity to see all eight disciplines (dressage, endurance, eventing, driving, jumping, para-equestrian dressage, reining and vaulting) in one place at the same time when these games come to the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY, September 25-October 10, 2010.

Don't miss the chance to support riders from our state or your discipline; tickets are still available for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games at Ticketmaster.

Good Luck to all the riders!

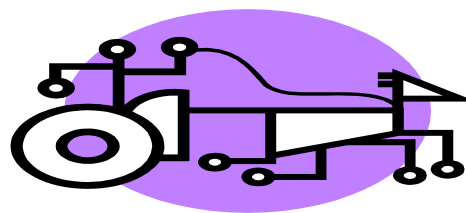
Unwanted Horse Symposium

September 24, 2010
Iredell County Agriculture Center
Statesville, North Carolina Cost: \$25 per person

Objectives: - To determine the severity of the unwanted horse issue in North Carolina.
- To identify and begin to address procedural and policy solutions to the problem.

Registration information can be found at www.nchorsecouncil.com. Additional information on this issue can be found on Page 5.

Horsepower.... Thoughts from the Executive Director



Accomplishments:

- Meeting at the Rural Development Center on Farmland Grants
- Farm Bureau Policy Development Day
- Planning for Unwanted Horse Symposium
- By-law revisions
- Jordan Lake Regulatory Committee
- Agri-Business Conference
- Legislative Issues on town ordinances and livestock regulations



Ordinances Affecting Equine

During these past summer months many towns and municipalities have been considering ordinances which impact the equine industry and horse owners within those communities. A letter is being drafted to send to all county managers describing to them the role of the North Carolina Horse Council and how we can help them in determining what is appropriate and fair to the equine industry. We hope to encourage them to look to us for advice and counsel before they begin to draft regulations.

The Family Farm Innovation Fund

The month began with a special meeting held at the North Carolina Rural Development Center. This meeting was to present The Family Farm Innovation Fund to the agricultural community. This is good news for the equine community as we are eligible to apply for these dollars. Five state and federal programs are partnering to make \$18.4 million in assistance available to NC farmers over the next year. These programs are to help farmers...yes even equine farmers:

- Lower energy costs or implement renewable energy projects
- Develop and implement value-added production
- Develop other new sources of farm income

Together the programs are expected to provide grants for up to 1,500 farmers and assist another 2,400 farmers with training on energy efficiency. The programs are operated by the US Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Development, the NC Farm Bureau, the Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA and NC Market Ready. For more information you may contact the Rural Development Center.

By-law Update

We held a continuation meeting on the by-law revisions to discuss the issue of clarifying our Advisory Member Category. A draft of proposed by-law changes have been developed for the full board to review in September and vote on at the November 2010 meeting.

Farm Bureau Policy Development Day

The Farm Bureau Policy Development Day reviewed all of the existing policies regarding equine. These policies include supporting the education of the public concerning proper care and management of equine to policies addressing statewide and national issues such as land preservation for trail use and a statewide right to ride bill. Also included in our discussions at the Farm Bureau was the need for all farmers to contact their congressmen and senator and encourage them to put forth reform of the Estate Tax, better known as the Death Tax. Without a new bill in January of 2011, this tax will revert back to a one million dollar exemption and a 55% tax on the remaining estate. This will be devastating to many of our North Carolina Farmers including Equine Farms!



NC Agribusiness Council

The North Carolina Agribusiness Council conducted a new two day conference in conjunction with their annual leadership banquet. This meeting afforded the Horse Council access to all of our congressional candidates and a unique opportunity to ask each candidate their views on issues important to the equine community. A new congressional bus tour will be held in the fall with an equine operation on the tour this year. It is important to us to continue to educate our elected officials on our industry!

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Jordan Lake Regulatory Committee

The Jordan Lake Regulatory Committee met this month to continue our discussions on the implementation of the new rules. The discussion centered on outreach to affected parties for Ag and Fertilizer management rule education. The Pasture accounting workgroup is still meeting to decide on how we will establish baseline measurements for pasture land. A new website is currently being developed and will soon be available to the public to assist in communicating our progress and informing every one of compliance issues.





The North Carolina Horse Council presents the
Southern Horse Festival

- When:** November 6—7, 2010
- Where:** Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center
Williamston, NC
- What:** Open Horse Show

All new class list!

Trail Horse Challenge

Watch the NCHC website for additional information as it becomes available.

For questions, call the NCHC Office at (919) 854-1990.

Don't miss out on another exciting show this year. Get involved today by volunteering, becoming a sponsor, or by joining us as a vendor.

Tentative Class Schedule can be found on Page 11.

**Class Sponsorships
only \$20**

Unwanted Horse Symposium

The Unwanted Horse Symposium is currently being planned for September. The Horse Council submitted possible solutions to this issue to be used as discussion leading questions during the meeting. These included the following ideas:

ISSUES

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| <p>Number of Equine Neglect and Cruelty Cases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of horses whose owners who were cited for neglect? • Total number of horse owners cited for neglect? • Total number of Cruelty Officers | <p>Abandoned and Rescued Equines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of horses running at large over multiple years • Total number of horses rescued • Total number of equine rescue operations |
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SOLUTIONS

Organization of Resources

- Provide opportunities for rescue organizations to meet regularly to address issues
- Establish a network of rescue operations to partner together to meet needs
- Coordinate with Horse Council for organization and communication

Fundraising

- Adoption Fairs
- Local events: tack sales, bake sales
- Raffles
- Grants

Reporting

- NCHC could provide a Web based on-line neglect reporting form which would allow concerned citizens to report neglected horses. Neglect complaints would be referred to local authorities. (Kentucky Horse Council is moving to this concept and we already receive these calls on a regular basis. By moving them to the web we achieve greater accountability and tracking without increasing our staff or resources.)
- Hotline (many transitioning aware from this.. labor intensive)

Financial Assistance

- Establish a special 501 c 3 to allow caring individuals and organizations to make tax deductible contributions to support the welfare of NC horses.
- Equine Safety Net program to provide short term feed for horses in instances when an owner experiences an injury or loss of job. Provide feed for up to two horses for 30 days. Perhaps this could be managed by the NCHC but supported by our feed dealers.
- Gelding Voucher Program: Low income owners may apply for geld vouchers of up to \$100 per horse (maximum of \$250 per family). Paid directly to the servicing veterinarian.
- Euthanasia Voucher: Vouchers of up to \$50 per horse paid directly to the servicing veterinarian after the euthanasia is complete. The horse owner would be responsible for carcass disposal.
- Hay Banks.

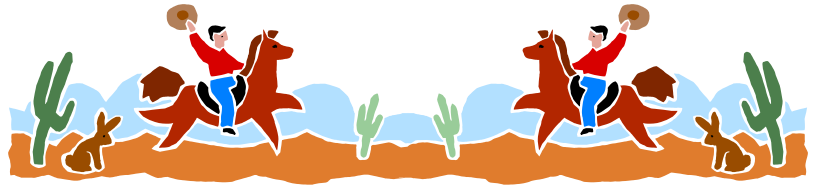
Education

- Publish basic information for Today's horse owners, specifically first time owners/buyers.
- Livestock Investigation Training: Three day Level I and three day Level II training (perhaps develop an on-line training to eliminate travel and reduce cost).
- Provide seminars on Identifying equine neglect to the general public and equine organizations.
- Establish a minimum standard of care brochure to be utilized in the field by the general public, livestock investigators and rescue personnel.

Policy/Regulations

- Establish a NC Livestock Welfare Board.
- Consider standards for Rescue Operations.
- Publish and distribute NC Animal Welfare Laws Pertaining to Horses.
- Actively Participate in the NC Animal Welfare Coalition.

News from the Trail



Guilford County: There is a newly formed group called the Equestrian Trails Alliance advocating for horse trail access in that County. They are actively working on some trail opportunities with Parks and Recreation staff. In July, Barb Oslund hiked a potential property and met with the Guilford County Open Space Committee, Parks and Recreation, and Piedmont-Triad Council of Governments staff to discuss options for equestrian access. Anyone interested in supporting this group can contact Betsy Rice bluefarm11@yahoo.com, Paula Nelson pasharr@triad.rr.com or check out their Facebook page.

Uwharrie National Forest: NCHC representatives attended the Open House for the Forest Management Plan, held on August 3. It was an opportunity to interactively see the proposed plan for equestrian trails (and all other forest uses), discuss it with US Forest Service staff and submit comments.

Franklin County Horse Farm tour: This tour was held for the tenth year on August 13, and over 75 people signed up. The horse farm tour is partially funded by a grant from NCHC. Three different farms were featured, and each stop had informative presentations from various people. NCHC trails consultant Barb Oslund did a brief presentation at the first farm.

Hill Forest: NCSU is continuing to use the permit system for recreational access and recently sent notice to current permit holders to renew their permits. The Friends of Hill Forest (FOHF) is the recreational liaison group working with NCSU, and just recently obtained the necessary insurance policy that allows them to hold volunteer work days on the property. Trail Workdays are tentatively scheduled for October 2 and 16. FOHF will also be having a Pig Roast Fundraiser on September 18 at 6 pm at Triangle Farm and Home. Owner Phil Blalock is hosting this event at his store and will be preparing the roast pork, slaw, hush puppies, potatoes, and drinks. There will be no set charge for the dinner though donations to FOHF will be much appreciated. There will also be a silent auction for donated items. Plants, feed, horsemanship lessons, and riding lessons have been donated and local businesses are being asked for donations. People interested in attending the fundraiser should reply to Kate Busa katebusa@gmail.com.

The NCHC Trails Committees are trying a new format by inviting people to participate in a state-wide quarterly conference call. The next call is scheduled for Thursday evening September 23 at 7:30 PM. An agenda and dial-in instruction will be posted on the NCHC website at least one week in advance, and an e-mail will be sent to those on the circulation list.

The Eastern Trails Committee welcomes participation and news from other Eastern NC trail groups. Anyone interested contact Jim Bell at: kiltedpiper98@hotmail.com.

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The Western Trails Committee welcomes participation and news from other Western NC trail groups. Anyone interested contact Deirdre Lightsey at: neverest@bellsouth.net.

Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference (SETC): Deirdre Lightsey and Barb Oslund represented NCHC at the 2010 Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference in July. The theme for the 2010 conference was *The Art and Heart of Keeping Our Trails – Ride Smart and Do Your Part*. It was, as always, an informative conference and a great opportunity to network with other people and organizations that work hard to maintain equestrian access to trails. Deirdre and Barb have both been invited to serve on the Advisory Board of the Equestrian Trails and Conservation Awareness group (www.etaca.info), recently formed by Dr. Gene Wood, Professor Emeritus Clemson University and “founding father” of the Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference.

Wilderness Summit: Deirdre recently attended the Wilderness Summit meeting in Black Mountain. Members from the hiking community, equestrian trail volunteers & forest managers from NC, SC, TN, GA & VA were represented. The discussion centered on Wilderness designations, the challenges & rewards that come with it & the best practices that can be implemented to maintain recreational access.

The White House Conference on America's Great Outdoors continues to welcome comments on the Americas Great Outdoors Initiative website: <http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/>. It is very important that trail riders and trail drivers voices are heard. The response from hikers, mountain bikers, OHV users has been huge; unfortunately, equestrian response is rather weak, as is all too often the case. Add your opinion to the discussion! The AHC and the Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) are actively participating in this effort and NCHC has submitted comments.

Wake County: There are on-going efforts to re-energize the Jordan Lake Trail Conservation Association (JLCTA) to support the Piney Woods County park staff in planning and constructing equestrian trails. A trail workday was held on June 26 and 14 volunteers, mostly equestrians from Wake County, came to help trim the trail corridor and spread gravel. Volunteers got a tour of the property, and Wake County hopes to have some trails open this fall. Anyone interested in joining to help this important effort can contact Leslie Kennedy at:

Email: lesken1@earthlink.net

Phone: 919-362-4011

Brunswick County: There are on-going efforts to organize a local group to support Brunswick County Nature park staff in equestrian trail planning and building. Anyone interested can contact Ann Donaldson adonaldson@charterbuildinggroup.com.

Johnston County: The trail's committee is looking for trail advocates in Johnston County to actively work with the County for trail planning efforts, especially along the Mountains to Sea trail. Contact Barb Oslund bloqresources@gmail.com.

NCHC Member # _____

Invoice 2011 Membership

January 1—December 31, 2011



North Carolina Horse Council

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Membership Options for 2011

Check the type of NCHC 2011 membership you are joining under:

- Lifetime Membership (includes “in-excess” insurance coverage 1st year only).....\$360
- Individual Membership (includes “in-excess” insurance coverage)***\$37
- Individual Membership (no insurance coverage).....\$12
- Student/Junior Membership (individuals under 18 years old).....\$6
- Riding Club/Breed Association (more than 100 members).....\$100
- Riding Club/Breed Association (less than 100 members)\$50
- In-excess Insurance Coverage for Lifetime Members\$25

*****If you choose “in-excess” insurance, coverage begins January 1, 2011*****

Your membership joins with others across North Carolina to promote everything horse. Legislators are influenced by numbers, so join the herd and BE heard! Some things to ponder:

- Only members of NCHC can vote in the annual Board meeting held in January.
- Riding Clubs/Breed Associations who join can appoint a representative to the Board.
- You can make a difference for as little as \$12.
- Volunteer opportunities are available.
- NCHC is the only statewide organization that works to serve the needs of the entire horse industry, regardless of breed preference, riding style, or activity.

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Transylvania County: Work continues on Wolf Ford Horse Camp. The Pisgah Trailblazers have recently cleared the area for the SST (sweet smelling toilet) which should be installed in the next few months. There are renewed efforts to get work done on the access roads into Turkey Pen Trailhead & Wash Creek Field. Both roads have deteriorated to unsafe conditions.

Henderson County: The NCHC will have a booth at the WNC Mountain Fair which runs from 9/10 – 9/19. For the first time, NCHC will welcome the Backcountry Horsemen of NC & the Pisgah Trailblazers to share the booth, staffing & information distribution. It is believed that the additional information will bring more interest to the booth & help the common cause of all three organizations. If you have time to devote to staffing the booth, please contact Deirdre @ Neverest@bellsouth.net.

Lastly, NCHC trails committee members say good bye and good luck to a couple of long time supporters. First, Jim Hallsey is ending his tenure as trail consultant. Jim has been a huge help at getting our trails programs off the ground. His wisdom and experience with State Parks has been invaluable to our understanding of the complex issues associated with trail use. Second, Greg Schuster, who is with Durham County Parks and Open Space and who has served on our grants evaluation and award committee for several years. Greg is going to Arizona to work at the Tonto National Forest (where the humidity is low!).



Reasons to Join the North Carolina Horse Council

- The NC Horse Council is continually working to preserve trails and protecting use of public land for horse access/use.
- The NC Horse Council has been and continues to fight to preserve our eligibility for Agriculture Present Use Value and other tax incentives through our lobbying efforts.
- The NC Horse Council just helped get passed into law – The Building Code Exemption for Agricultural Structures, which allows a farm owner not to have to build to commercial building code if they are building a farm structure. What this means is you don't have to meet fire wall code, have handicapped bathrooms, special parking requirements, etc. (expensive code requirements inhibitive of horse farms).
- A few years ago, the NC Horse Council worked hard to get the NC Equine Activity Liability Law passed.
- The NC Horse Council gives educational, land preservation and health grants.

Thank you Jim Hallsey

Dear NCHC Members,

Jim Hallsey will be ending his tenure with the NCHC. Please join us in thanking Jim for serving the NCHC as our Western Equine Trails Consultant. Barb Oslund, NCHC Eastern Trails Consultant, will be increasing her service and will now serve as our single statewide Trails Consultant.

Jim's knowledge and expertise of state park land use has been invaluable and we hope that we can continue to rely on his advice for years to come. As we move into the coming years we will be working to unite our Western and Eastern Trail Committees by continuing to build upon the past work which Jim has accomplished. As new challenges arise we are assured of our success due to his work.

New for the Western and Eastern Trails Committee will be quarterly conference calls uniting both groups. As we have seen ever increasing land use problems and conservation issues in our trail work, Barb will bring her strong trails background and her engineering skills to the table for the NCHC. Under the current leadership of Deirdre Lightsey in the West and Jim Bell in the East we feel assured of our continued success in both developing and preserving equine trails.

Once again, join us in thanking Jim for his wonderful years of service to the NCHC! Please take the time to let Jim know that we appreciate his dedication to recreational trails and that we hope he will join us in our future efforts as we continue to work on equine trails throughout the state.

THANKS JIM and HAPPY TRAILS!

Health Grants Awarded

The 2010 Health Grants have been received, reviewed and awarded. These grants were required to address an equine health related need of the horse industry or an individual horse owner. The maximum amount of funding available for Health Grants was limited to \$6,000 per grant. Congratulations to the following recipients of the 2010 Health Grants Awards:

- Dr. Paul Siciliano, NCSU, Dept of Animal Science
Effect of restricted grazing on caloric intake
- Dr. C. Scott Bailey, NCSU, College of Veterinary Medicine
The use of carbetocin for control of unwanted behavior in mares through long-term estrus suppression
- Dr. Shannon Pratt-Phillips, NCSU, Dept of Animal Science
Effect of size and composition of meal on blood metabolite in horses

As soon as information on the 2011 Grants becomes available, it will be posted on the NC Horse Council website at www.nchorsecouncil.com.





2010 Southern Horse Festival Championship Open Horse Show

November 6-7, 2010

Bob Martin Agricultural Center, Williamston, NC

Contact Show Manager Sammy Jenkins

(919) 201-3606 or (919) 362-8203 or visit

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| 1. Colts and Fillies at Halter – 2 Yrs and Under | 28. Western Walk/Jog 10 & Under |
| 2. Stock Type Horse at Halter – 2 Yrs and Over | 29. English Walk/Trot 10 & Under |
| 3. English Type Horse at Halter – 2 Yrs and Over | 30. Novice English Rider Pleasure |
| 4. Saddle Type Horse at Halter – 2 Yrs and Over | 31. Western Jr Horse Pleasure |
| 5. Arabian Horse at Halter – 2 Yrs and Over | 32. English Jr Horse Pleasure |
| 6. Youth Showmanship (English or Western) – 18 & Under | 33. Arabian Western Pleasure |
| 7. Adult Showmanship (English or Western) – 19 & Over | 34. Western Go As You Please 18 & Under |
| 8. Non-Trotting showmanship Open | 35. English Pleasure 18 & Under |
| | 36. Arabian English Pleasure |
| Break | 37. AQHA Pleasure |
| | 38. Appaloosa & Paint Horse Pleasure |
| 9. English Walk/Trot Open | 39. Other/Non Registered Breed Pleasure |
| 10. Western Walt/Jog Open | 40. Lite Shod Open |
| 11. Saddleseat Go as You Please Open | 41. Novice Western Horse Pleasure |
| 12. Hunt Seat Go As You Please Open | 42. Novice English Horse Pleasure |
| 13. English Pleasure Open | 43. Novice Western Rider Go As You Please |
| 14. Western Pleasure Open | 44. Novice English Rider Go As You Please |
| 15. Saddleseat Pleasure Open | 45. Lite Shod Open 3 Gait |
| 16. Huntseat Pleasure Open | 46. English Go As You Please 18 & Under |
| 17. Novice Western Horse Go As You Please | 47. Western Senior Horse Pleasure |
| 18. Novice English Horse Go As You Please | 48. English Senior Horse Pleasure |
| 19. Novice Saddleseat Horse Go As You Please | 49. Western Horsemanship |
| 20. English Go As You Please 13 & Under | 50. English Horsemanship |
| 21. English Pleasure 19 & Over | 51. Non-Trotting Horsemanship |
| 22. Arabian Pleasure Open | |
| 23. Spotted Trail Pleasure – 2 Gait | <u>Saturday Night Only</u> |
| 24. Plantation Open – 3 Gait | 52. Versatility Class - Entry Fee \$35.00 |
| 25. Western Go As You Please 19 & Over | (Western Pleasure, English Pleasure Precision Pattern & Texas Barrel Race) |
| Break | |
| 26. Arabian Native Costume | Trail Horse Challenge—Hosted by Halifax County Horseman Association |
| 27. Novice Western Rider Pleasure | |

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Regional Caucus Meetings

The next round of Regional Caucus Meetings will be coming to a location near you. Exact dates and locations of these meetings will be posted on the website as soon as all details have been finalized. As in the past, these meetings will be held throughout the State.

Don't miss the opportunity to share ideas and discuss issues facing the entire equine community. Be sure to find a location near you. These meetings are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

For additional information, please contact the NC Horse Council office at (919) 854-1990 or toll free at 1-800-529-9206.



2011 Membership Special

Join the North Carolina Horse Council between now and December 31st to take advantage of our early special: your 2011 membership includes the rest 2010!

If you are a current member, it's not too early to renew your membership for 2011.

The 2011 Membership Invoice can be found on the NCHC website at www.nchorsecouncil.com. There are two options to join: on-line or via check in the mail.

Note: If you choose in-excess insurance, coverage begins January 1, 2011.

You must be a current 2011 member to vote at the Annual Board Meeting being held January 5, 2011.