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NCHC Officers:

President: Bob Sanford
Eastern VP: Lorraine Price
Central VP: Myra Daniel
Western VP: Bill Parton
Treasurer: Tom Bennett
Secretary: John Thomson
Executive Dir: Sue Gray

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Letter from the President **Bob Sanford**

This is my first letter as President of your association and I am really excited to have the opportunity to try and bring some positive changes to the North Carolina Horse Council. The Executive board and I plan to work hard this year to get the NCHC into all one hundred counties. This is an admiral goal but quite impossible without your support and contributions. As we look toward the future, we are faced with many challenges. The growing population of both people and horses will require diligent efforts and serious thoughts as to how the equine community can continue to grow and prosper as our trails and operating territory shrinks. The problems that we are experiencing in some areas, relating to zoning and taxes, on farms and ranches is serious. The recognition that we have with the Department of Agriculture needs to be strengthened and the role that the equine industry plays in the "well being of the state" has to be recognized.

Our goal is to try and bring the entire equine community together for the benefit of all; regardless of breed, discipline or style. We all have common interests such as health, nutrition, transportation, identification and the well being of our stock. A coalition of you and Horse Council is the very best way for us to tackle these problems. We will be moving into your area and we will be asking for your help and support. We hope we can teach each other what our needs and goals are and how we can best achieve them.

Thank you for this opportunity and let's make sure that we take advantage of it

Sincerely,
Bob Sanford



New Membership Opportunities!
Recruit at least 20 people for membership and receive \$1 for every new member.
At the end of the year, the member with the most New recruits will receive \$200
Be a winner...Come Join the Herd!

Legislative Corner

From the desk of Glenn Jernigan: NCHC Lobbyist

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

I'm pleased to share with you Glenn Jernigan & Associates activities on behalf of the NCHC during the 2006 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

- NCHC Legislative Committee meeting & Board meetings
- American Tobacco Trail - meetings with Congressman David Price, NC Dept. of Transportation, Representative Cole and other legislators
- Lab Consolidation Issue with NC Department of Agriculture
- NC Horse Specialist Position - meeting with Commissioner Steve Troxler
- Legislative Equine Study Committee meetings, individual meetings with individual legislators - Representative Cole, Senator Weinstein
- Pender County Livestock Ordinance - meetings with David McLeod, Legal Counsel for NC Department of Agriculture
- SB1205 & HB1826 Equine Study Commission - extensive committee attendance, correspondence, meetings with legislators and NCHC leadership
- SB1373 Various Special Plates (US Equine Rescue League license plate)
- Sunday Hunting Ban legislation - meetings with Governor's Chief of Staff, individual legislators, Director of Wildlife Commission and NCHC leadership
- Federal Horse Slaughter Ban legislation (HR503 & S1915) - contact with members of the NC Congressional Delegation including Senators Burr & Dole
- SB1523 2006 Technical Corrections Act (G.S. 106.581.1 Definition of Agriculture)

Executive Director Updates and Accomplishments

I would like to take this opportunity to share with each of you a look back over this past year on the many successes of the North Carolina Horse. After reviewing what we have done, I hope that you will agree with me that the Council is a valuable resource for all equine enthusiast. Let's not make the Council the best kept secret in the State come JOIN The HERD!

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The Billion Dollar Facts\$

The horse industry in North Carolina and the nation is a little-recognized giant. The business generated by horses totals BILLIONS of dollars. It is so diverse, tangible figures represent a mere fraction of its true impact and worth. The value of the horse industry is nearly as great as major industries such as petroleum and coal products manufacturing and apparel and textile manufacturing, and exceeds the value of such industries as motion picture services and railroad transportation...and what's more...take a look at what your Council did for YOU!

- Increased our legislative presence with a professional lobbyist
- Shaped legislation which brought about the Equine Liability Law and the General Statutes defining the Horse as Livestock and the Equine Industry as a bona fide farming entity
- Co-sponsored training and educational activities with North Carolina State University such as: Horse Judging, Breeding and Foaling Management, Hoof Care and Shoeing and a Horse Protection Officers Training.
- Co-sponsored workshops featuring Trainers such as Lynn Palm and Van Hargis
- Presented the Southern Horse Festival Open Horse Show which attracted over 1200 entries
- Presented free trail conferences across the state
- Hosted the Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference with participants from 17 states
- Make experienced trails consultants available to horse owners and groups across the state
- Work with North Carolina State Agencies on topics including horse health, zoning, taxation, land use and trails issues.
- Fund multiple youth programs including state and local 4-H clubs
- Support through grant dollars, Equine Health Research in conjunction with the North Carolina College of Veterinary Medicine
- Assist horse owners on a daily basis with information and referral services

These are the FACTS...

- The North Carolina Horse Industry produces goods and services well over a billion dollars
- We rank 8th in the nation for the number of horses within our State
- All 100 counties have some type of horse activities

SO... we need a voice in every County! Will that be you? I hope that you will see the value of the Council and come join us as we make 2007 our most successful year.

COME JOIN THE HERD!
Help us Shape Tomorrow



New Officers and Directors were elected at the Annual Meeting

The North Carolina Horse Council held its annual meeting Wednesday, January 10th, at the North Carolina Hunt Horse Complex. The Council voted on a new Executive Board. Robert Sanford, former President of the North Carolina Thoroughbred Association was installed as President. Mr. Sanford, a lifetime member of the North Carolina Horse Council, is a native of North Carolina and currently lives in Durham County. He brings a strong background in organizational management and business. His connection to the horse industry goes back over twenty five years in the Veterinary Pharmaceutical business and the Thoroughbred Racing and breeding Industry.

The Slate of Officers Elected

President:	Bob Sanford
Secretary:	John Thompson
Treasurer:	Tom Bennett
Vice-Presidents:	
East:	Lorraine Price
Central:	Myra Daniel
West:	Bill Parton

Elected Directors:

Trish Andrews, Casey Armstrong, Thomas Bennett, Gayle Brown, Jim Cogdell, Scott Haley, Betty Hathaway, Butch Human, Andy Henderson, Colin MacNair, Buck McColl, Bill Parton, Glenn Petty, Johnny Shook, John Thompson, Teo Zancheli

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May 19-20th, 2007

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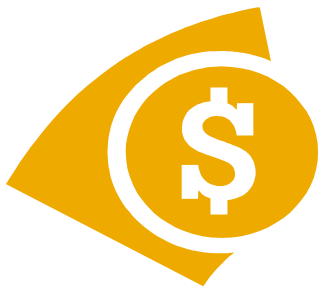
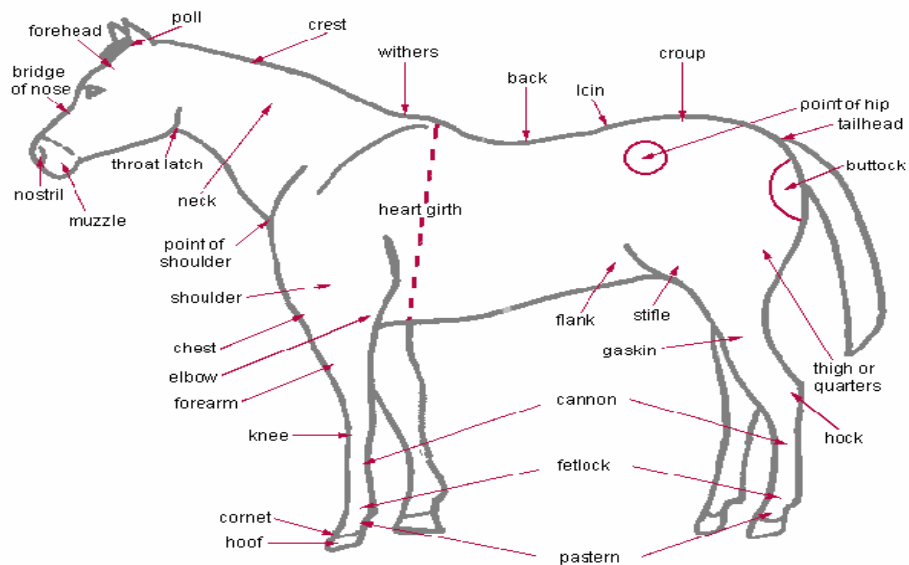
For more information on how to register or to order your NCHC First Aid Kit

Visit: www.nchsecouncil.com or call: 1 (800) 529-9206

New...New...New Ask Your Veterinarian!

We will be instituting a new column in the bi-monthly newsletter to address equine health issues. As a service to our membership, we would like to answer the questions most useful to you. With that in mind, please send any equine health related question to the NCHC office, to the attention of: Health Column and we will select one or two questions for every publication. Let us hear from you!

Parts Of The Horse



NC HORSE COUNCIL AGRI-BUSINESS MEMBERS

The North Carolina Horse Council proudly promotes our Agri-business members. The companies who support the Council are listed on our website at :www.nchorsecouncil.com. Please take a look at our members. As participants in, and sponsors of the Council's work, they show support of our industry. We encourage horse owners to extend these companies first opportunity to bid on products and services you may need in a show of appreciation for their support. For information on the benefits and costs of becoming an Agri-Business Member of the NCHC, please contact the Horse Council Office at 1 (800) 529-9206

Membership in the North Carolina Horse Council costs less than a tank of gas...
And gives you better mileage!

When did 25 gallons of unleaded buy you these basic benefits?

- The NCHC Newsletter keeps you current on the state of the horse industry in North Carolina and across the nation
- Professional lobbyists promote your equine interests at the State Capital
- Legislative and regulatory updates help you make informed decisions
- Listings in the NCHC Membership Directory puts your business in the public eye
- Horse Industry business discounts improve your bottom line.

AND MORE...

- Discount on "Equine Liability signs and other NCHC store items
- Notices about equestrian trail activities
- Voting rights in the NCHC

AND EVEN More...*

- \$1 million Equine Excess Personal Liability Insurance * (only available to individual members)
- Eligible to participate in the NCHC recognition program

Come Join the Herd...put a Voice in Every County!

"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! Help us Fight for Your Rights!

Become a Member Today!





News From the Trail...



We continue to be excited by the realities, possibilities, and responsibilities associated with equestrian trails. Our biggest challenges are associated with land loss: private lands lost due to development or resale, and public lands lost due to trail degradation or a changing demographic caused by development. We are beginning to be recognized by some NC land managers as a credible and helpful resource and stakeholder in decision making processes that involve trails. Our focus in the coming year will continue to be collaboration with land managers, agencies, politicians and trail users to reduce losses and achieve gains where possible. Only your voice can give us more power. We need you to assist us in preserving our trails by becoming a member today.

The following are some highlights of our challenges and our success from 2006

- The final section of the American Tobacco Trail (ATT) in Wake County was completed, making the trail 6½ miles long.
- A compromise was worked out on Chatham County ATT trail, allowing for the construction of a paved surface on one side of the trail and an unpaved surface next to it suitable for equestrians.
- Harris Lake County Park (Wake County) has an opportunity to develop equestrian/multi-use trails on approximately 1200 acres owned by Progress Energy on New Hill-Holleman Road. A spring 2007 completion date is expected.
- Forest Hill Access: In late summer 2006, many Triangle area equestrians found out that Hill Forest management proposed to close Hill Forest to equestrian activities (and hiking and mountain biking) during the gun season for deer (Oct. 14, 2006 to Jan. 1, 2007) and turkey season (mid-April to mid-May, 2007), including Sundays. Through work with Forest Management, North Carolina State University, the North Carolina Horse Council and multiple equestrian groups a compromise was found.
- Stone Mountain State Park Horse Trail Closure The N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation planners recommended closing the trail due to insufficient length to meet the state's minimum of 10 miles for horse trails and the existence of severely eroded sections of the trail. The Wilkes County Horse Owners Association (WHOA), NCHC representatives, several state legislators and county commissions and concerned horse owners meet with the Park Staff to consider alternatives. As a result of the strong show of public support, including the Horse Council agreeing to assist with the site evaluation along with several volunteers from WHOA, the trail closure decision was suspended pending further review. There is now a conscientious, collaborative effort underway to retain and expand horse trails at Stone Mountain State Park

- Moses Cone Memorial Park—Blue Ridge Parkway In the Fall of 2006, the National Park Service announced preliminary alternative management schemes for this popular equestrian site near Blowing Rock. Included in their consideration were the comments of the horse community provided in 2003 through a survey of attendees at two state horse trail conferences sponsored by the N.C. Horse Council. The council's position then and now is to preserve the existing system of carriage trails for use by equestrians and hikers. This objective is best served by the "no action" alternative and alternate number one (1). The western trails coordinator provided formal comments on behalf of the council.



STATE TRAILS PROGRAM GRANTS UPDATE: It May not be too LATE!

Good Afternoon Trail Supporters:

We are pleased to announce that on Tuesday, November 21, 2006 we will have the 2007 Recreational Trails Program Grant Application Package and the 2007/2008 Adopt-A-Trail Grant Application Package available for download on our website at <http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/trails/home.html>.

The deadline for submitting all applications is February 28, 2007.

We encourage you to please submit to us an electronic version of your entire application this year.

Note the maximum grant amount for an RTP grant has been increased to \$75,000 per grant for non motorized trail projects and \$300,000 for motorized trail projects.

Please, please, please contact your *Regional Trails Specialist* if you have questions, beginning November 27, 2006. This will give us time to celebrate Thanksgiving before all your questions begin.

Darrell McBane

State Trails Coordinator

State Trails Program

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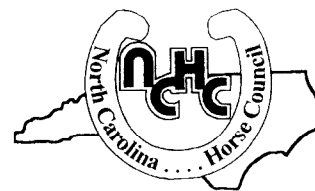
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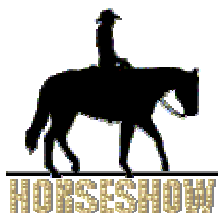
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Member Highlight

Let us hear from you. The North Carolina Horse Council Board would like to spotlight a special member each newsletter. We want to recognize the hard work and dedication of the many members who work to make the Council a success. One such member is Sammy Jenkins. Sammy has served on the NCHC for the past five years. He originally served as a representative of the Triangle-wide Horseman's Association and was latter elected to serve on the Executive Board of the Council. In that capacity, Sammy was the Chairman of the Southern Horse Festival Open Horse Show. Through his hard work sponsors were attained for every class at the show and the show boosted over 1200 entries! Sammy will be continuing his work as the new Director of Shows and Events for the NCHC. Congratulations Sammy.



When you see Sammy....give him a big pat on the back!



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