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Message from the President



As things are getting colder outside, they sure are heating up in the WHHA as we make plans for the 2009 annual meeting. The Board has a lot in store for you again this year – especially as we welcome Dean Hoffman back to Wisconsin.

You will find a complete schedule later in this issue, but I do urge you to make your reservations for both the hotel and the banquet earlier to help ensure that we have enough food and seats set up for those who wish to attend. Also, if you wish to bring an item for the auction, please feel free to do so. All you have to do is bring the item that day, and let Becky know when you arrive so you can get proper credit.

As always, we will be holding Board of Director elections at this year's meeting. We have 4 spots to fill: 3 regular three-year terms, and the remaining 1 year of the term vacated by Sadie Gunnink upon her resignation. Becky Swinehart and I have committed to running for another term, but Rick Tittsler has decided to take a short break to focus on his career as well. We truly thank Rick and Sadie for their tenure this year and all of the promotional efforts throughout the year. If you are interested in running for the board, please contact our nomination committee: Jeanne Marquis or Rick Davis.

Big congratulations go out to WHHA member Greg Carey as his horse, In Over My Head, blew up the scoreboard winning the Windy City Pace at Maywood Park at odds of 55 to 1! Way to go!

It's encouraging to see all the horses going on to the pari-mutuel scene as our fairs have ended. Good luck to those racing throughout the winter, and I will see you in January!

-Gabe

2009 Award Recipients Announced

Come to the Annual Meeting to help celebrate the achievements of your fellow horsemen!

Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame Inductees

Immortal Category: Art Shaw

Immortal Category: G.V. "Doc" Hering

James Laird Memorial Award For Excellence:

The Alexander Stable, Westfield, WI

Horseperson of the Year:

Jim Springer, Livingston, WI



Annual Meeting Schedule of Events



Friday, January 22nd, 2010

As always, we will be holding an informal reception on Friday night. We will be in the Willow Room of the Howard Johnson from 6:00pm – 10:00pm enjoying race videos from the past racing season.

Please bring your own beverages, a snack, and plenty of stories to share with the membership!

Hotel Information

Please refer to the following information for booking your hotel room if you are planning to stay at the hotel either night:

Howard Johnson
3841 E Washington Ave
Madison, WI 53704
Phone: 608-244-2481

Room Rate:
\$74.00/night
This includes free hot
breakfast buffet!

DEADLINE: January 8,
2010. Rooms booked
after this date are subject
to availability and may or
may not be able to get
the WHHA rate.

Saturday, January 23rd, 2010

9:30 am – 10:30 am	Registration Table Opens Complimentary Danishes, Coffee & Juice
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Racing Around The World – Dean Hoffman
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
12:30 pm – 3:30 pm	WHHA Annual Business Meeting
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm	Break Complimentary Desserts & Soda
3:45 pm – 4:30 pm	USTA District 4-B Meeting— Robert Yohn County Fair/USTA Update— Jessica Schroeder
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Cocktails in Northwoods Bar Complimentary Chips & Salsa
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm – 7:15 pm	Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame Reunion—Dean Hoffman Remembers...
7:15 pm	Awards
8:15 pm	Live Auction

Do you have any race day pictures that you would like to share? If so, please email them to sadiegunnink@gmail.com for newsletter consideration!

All race day photos in this issue were taken by Rick Tittler! Thank you Rick for providing us with such nice photos!

General Interest

Harness Racing Youth League Update

A few years ago, the WHHA received a donation to help pay expenses for a kid that wanted to attend one of Harness Racing Youth League's annual camps. This year, Courtney Falvey, daughter of WHHA member Kyle Falvey, was given the opportunity to attend the camp held at Odds on Racing near Balmoral Park. Below is a letter from Courtney describing her experience.

Hi! I am Courtney Falvey, age 11. I live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and because of the money people donated I got to go to harness racing youth league.

I drove 3 hours to Odds on Racing to learn about taking care of horses, how to drive a harness cart, and learn about horse's bones, muscles, and how to keep them healthy.

From day to day we fed the horses, mucked stalls, and took them for jogs. Yes, it was very tiring, but at the end of the day I knew the hard work made the horses happy.

My favorite thing from horse camp was watching a horse swim. It was really cool! I didn't know horses could swim.

Another part I really liked was getting on the track and racing. Before the race I was very nervous. When I got on the track I was ready to go. The race took place at Balmoral Park during a live racing performance. The race was really fun filling, exciting, and thrilling.

I would like to thank the WHHA for the donation and opportunity to attend the youth camp!



Membership for 2010 and Annual Meeting Banquet Reservation Form

Please fill out the following information completely

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____
 USTA Membership # & Driving Colors: _____
 E-mail address: _____

(You will received periodic updates on WHHA activities & Events!)

Active Membership = \$20.00	_____
Banquet Tickets = \$22.50	_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED	_____

Make checks payable to WHHA.
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Industry News

Race Dates Announced for Illinois Pari-mutuel Tracks

Balmoral Park - 144 programs, 122 dark host programs for a total of 266

Maywood Park - 97 programs, 2 dark host programs for a total of 99

Live racing on January 2nd, January 3rd and January 27th through December 29th, racing 3 nights per week, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, dark on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th, Easter April 4th and Christmas.

Live racing on January 1st and January 28th through December 31st, racing 2 nights per week on Thursdays and Fridays, dark on Thanksgiving, November 25th and Christmas Eve.

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General Interest

Strategies for Internal Parasite Control

November 22, 2009 - by the Elkhorn Veterinary Clinic

We are introducing the concern that emerging resistance to anthelmintics (dewormers) by internal parasites necessitated improvements to our control strategies. The Elkhorn Veterinary Clinic recently developed a new deworming schedule, based on each horse's needs.

Fecal Egg Counts (FEC) should be performed on all horses in the spring, prior to the first deworming. The FEC will identify the type and number of parasites hosted by the horse and the horse will be identified as a light, medium, or high shedder as determined by the number of eggs per gram of feces (EPG). Owners should wait 9 weeks after administration of Strongid or Panacur, 12 weeks after deworming with Ivermectin or Equimax, or 16 weeks after deworming with Quest to perform the initial Fecal Egg Count.

Fecal Egg Count Reduction (FECR) tests are utilized to assure the treatment was effective and to identify horses that will require more

aggressive deworming strategies. Timing is critical, for a FECR test must be done between 10 days and two weeks after the initial deworming. Ideally, a FEC and FECR will be done each time a new dewormer is used to determine if resistance has developed to each particular drug.

Failure of the drug to significantly lower the FEC may indicate that (a) the horse did not receive an adequate dose of dewormer or (b) parasite resistance. At that time, it is important to consult with your veterinarian. Fecals require three to four fecal balls that are collected fresh, kept cold, delivered within 24 hours to the clinic, and labeled with the name of the horse, owner, and the date of collection.

The deworming schedules below may require modification by farm and/or individual. Please consult with your veterinarian for guidance.

Adult horses will be dewormed according to the schedule below:

	FEC	APRIL	FECR	JULY	*FEC	AUGUST	OCTOBER After Hard Freeze	DECEMBER
LIGHT SHEDDER <100 EPG	✓	Quest Plus**	✓		✓		Equimax	
MEDIUM SHEDDER 100 – 199 EPG	✓	Quest Plus**	✓	Anthelcide or Strongid	✓		Equimax	Anthelcide or Strongid***
HIGH SHEDDER >200 EPG	✓	Quest Plus**	✓	Anthelcide or Strongid	✓	Ivermectin	Equimax	Anthelcide or Strongid***

* This is a midsummer FEC to ensure that egg-shedding is kept to a minimum during the high-transmission season.

**Quest Plus should not be administered to horses under twelve months of age, or to older, thin, or compromised horses without consulting a veterinarian.

***December dewormer should be the same as July's until resistance appears.

Foals will be dewormed according to this schedule:

Age (in months)	2 months	4 months	6 months	8 months	10 months	FEC	12 months	FECR
Dewormer	Anthelcide or Strongid	Anthelcide or Strongid	Ivermectin	Strongid at DOUBLE DOSE	Anthelcide or Strongid	✓	Panacur Power Pak	✓

- Any foal that has persistent diarrhea should have a fecal egg count performed to evaluate parasite infestation and possible dewormer resistance.
- Consult your veterinarian during the horse's yearling year.

General Interest

Salting Hay for Storage

September 01, 2003 - by Michael Collins, BS, MS, PhD

Q: I was told that using rock salt on hay that is kept in a small area would keep it from molding. Is this true, and would it do anything to the hay other than keep it dry? *Julie*

A: The basic answer is yes, salt (sodium chloride) can be effective in inhibiting growth of mold organisms in hay. In earlier days, the practice was not uncommon for small rectangular bales. After stacking a layer of bales, usually with the "cut" edge facing up, salt was broadcast over the surface before proceeding to the next layer.

Salting was sometimes done on only the topmost layer or two of the entire stack. This is where mold is most likely because bales normally undergo a process called "sweating" in which a slight temperature elevation evaporates excess moisture.

This warm, moistened air moves upward through the stack. Some of this excess moisture tends to condense on the upper bales because air outside the stack is cooler.

The problem is that surface broadcast salt was not terribly effective. It could not be distributed thoroughly throughout the bales. More effective preservative materials are available today that accomplish the same objective by spraying solutions, usually containing ammonium propionate, during the baling process for hay above 20% moisture at baling. Ammonium propionate effectively inhibits mold growth and does not appear to be toxic to either horses or cattle. Good ventilation during storage is also important so that any moisture that does leave the stack is eliminated as quickly as possible.

Reduce Horse Show Stress to Maintain Stomach Health

December 18, 2008 - by Edited Press Release from thehorse.com, Article #13261

Every competitive horse owner knows that showtime is stressful. However, stress from training to trailering can affect horses, too.

Horses can continue feeling the stress even after stepping off the trailer. Situations such as increased stall time--especially at an unfamiliar facility--and limited turnout, along with training and competing, can often lead to equine gastric ulcer syndrome (EGUS).

EGUS can diminish the results of hard work spent preparing for an event, with poor performance and even a change in attitude resulting horses that simply aren't at the top of their game.

Even for a seasoned show horse, the competitive environment is a prime place to potentially develop painful stomach ulcers. Interrupted and infrequent meals, little turnout, frequent handling, bright lights, loud speakers, longer workouts, and little downtime could cause ulcers to develop before the show is over. While it might not be possible to turn off speakers or regulate other horses in the barn, EGUS might be

prevented with a few simple travel tips:

- While at the show, try not to change the normal feeding schedule and allow horses ample rest.
- Between extra work sessions, schedule regular downtime to allow horses to relax.
- If possible, turn off overhead lights at night.
- Additionally, turn off any radios left on at the stalls. A recent study found that a radio left on in the barn could be considered a cause of stress for horses.

To help prevent EGUS and keep horses at their best, horse owners can also ask a veterinarian about Ulcergard (omeprazole), the only product approved by the FDA for the prevention of EGUS. The active ingredient of Ulcergard inhibits acid production at the acid pump, while the patented formula ensures the omeprazole is stabilized to work effectively in the stomach. After the long hours of practice and preparation, don't let stomach ulcers take your horse out of the winner's circle.

In the Sale Ring

Classified Ads are FREE to current WHA members!

Race Bikes for Sale

Brodeur: White with black trim 54 - 30 - 84

Very good shape

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\$ 600 obo

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Contact Bob & Carol Yohn: 920-623-5248

Obituary

LaVerne M. Andreski, 88, of Beaver Dam, passed away on Monday, Oct. 19, 2009, at the Christian Home in Waupun after a brief illness.

Funeral service will be on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 11 a.m. at St. Stephen's Ev. Lutheran Church in Beaver Dam, with the Rev. Philip Heyer officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to the time of service at St. Stephen Ev. Lutheran Church in Beaver Dam. Interment will be at Highland Memory Gardens in the town of Trenton.

LaVerne was born the daughter of Harry and Clara (Klebs) Friese on Sept. 15, 1921, in Beaver Dam. She was married to Woodrow D. May, who preceded her in death. She was later married to Harry "Chip" A. Andreski on Dec. 21, 1990, in South Carolina, he also preceded her in death.

LaVerne was a 1939 graduate of Beaver Dam High School. She retired in 1981 from Sentry Food after many years of service. She and her husband "Chip"

were longtime Harness Racing Fans and had been active members of the NHRA. LaVerne was also a lifetime member of St. Stephen's Ev. Lutheran Church in Beaver Dam.

LaVerne is survived by her daughters, Andrea (Joe) Sell, Beaver Dam, JoEllen (David) Pitzlin, Beaver Dam, Sue (Butch Spakes) May, Yachats, Ore., and Wendy (Alan) Redeker, Beaver Dam; three grandsons, Bob (Beth) Sell, Brian (Roxanne) Sell and Chuck (Kelly) Pitzlin, and great-grandchildren, Joshua, Nathan and Rachel Sell; her brother, Ralph (Pat) Friese, Hemphill, Texas. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband, Woodrow, second husband, Chip, her sister Twyla Schwarzenbacher and a niece, Nancy Friese.

Koepsell Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Beaver Dam is serving the family. Make online condolences at www.koepsellfh.com.

General Interest

EMERGENCY! When to Call and What to Do

November 22, 2009 - by Dr. Theresa Schreiner, Associate

Encountering an emergency involving your equine partner can be a frightening experience. Quick action on your part can help lead to the best possible outcome for your horse. Many clients wonder when they should call our office and what constitutes an emergency. Take a look at the “Four B’s” below as an easy way to remember when to call our office immediately.

1. **Bleeding** - profuse bleeding from a laceration that you are having difficulty controlling, lacerations that need sutures, puncture wounds (especially those over joints).
2. **Broken Bones** - this will be an obvious emergency
3. **Blue** - any horse having difficulty breathing or whose gums are blue needs to be evaluated immediately.
4. **Bloated** - often horses experiencing a colic episode will appear bloated on one or both sides of their abdomen. Horses in distress, not eating, not producing manure sweating profusely, agitated, or laying down and refusing to rise should be seen immediately.
5. **Other** - eye injuries may be very serious and should be evaluated in a timely fashion. Also, favoring one or more legs or a generalized stiffness could point to a serious cause of lameness.

Once an emergency is encountered, act in a calm, efficient manner. First, obtain assistance so that you are not injured by your horse. Stabilize your horse, if possible, and bandage wounds if appropriate. Informing the veterinarian of your horse’s vital signs will help him assess the situation. Knowing your horse’s normal temperature, pulse, and respiration rates and having practiced taking them is important before you are faced with an emergency. Be able to tell your veterinarian the location of your horse and make sure the property or trail location is easily identifiable.

Finally, have a “worst-case scenario” plan in place. Phone numbers and directions to your primary care veterinarian and the referral hospital should be posted or in your emergency kit. Have your trailer clean and in working order. If your horse is insured, know the benefits of your policy and have the number of your agent handy.

No one wants to see their horse in distress. By doing some research and planning prior to an emergency, you will be better able to handle the situation. The Elkhorn Veterinary Clinic sells a well-stocked first aid kit - perfect for your barn or trailer. Feel free to ask your veterinarian for more information regarding equine emergency care. We are just a phone call away.



WHHA News

Board of Directors Attendance Record

2009

	Annual	February	March	May	June	July	November
	Meeting	7th	29th	3rd	20th	12th	15th
Wand, Gabe	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Schroeder, Susan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Marquis, Jeanne	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Swinehart, Becky	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Davis, Rick	X	X	X	X	O	O	X
Gunnick, Sadie	X	X	O	O	X	-	-
Magee, Rick	X	O	X	O	O	O	X
Tittsler, Rick	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gald, Scott	X	X	X	O	O	O	O

X = Attended

O = Absent

KWIK TRIP Donates to WHHA!

Next time you fuel up or grab a cup of coffee, why not donate to the WHHA? Really! KWIK TRIP operates fuel and convenience stores throughout the upper Midwest under the KWIK TRIP and KWIK STAR brand names.

When you apply for a KWIK TRIP credit card, just indicate the Wisconsin Harness Horse Association as your non-profit of choice. Then 5% of your total fuel purchase goes to the WHHA! Some in-store items earn a 10% rebate! Just be sure to use your KWIK TRIP credit card at time of purchase. It's that easy to help fund harness racing in Wisconsin.

So far in 2009, the WHHA has received \$438.84 from this partner program—and that's from just a few folks stopping at KWIK TRIP for fuel, snacks, and good hot food. Imagine if we **all** participated in the program, and told our neighbors to specify the WHHA on their KWIK TRIP credit card applications. *Ca-ching!*

WHHA News

Meeting of July 12, 2009 Minutes Elkhorn, WI

Present: Gabe Wand, Susan Schroeder, Rick Tittsler, Becky Swinehardt, Jeanne Marquis. Absent: Scott Gald, Rick Davis, Rick Magee

This meeting was called at 4:00 following the races in order to reallocate some of Sadie Gunnink's responsibilities. Sadie has voluntarily stepped off the board for personal reasons. The board wants to officially thank her for her for providing her many talents and service for the last year and a half. The question of a replacement for the remainder year and a half of her term or changing the number of board members were tabled until the fall meeting of the board.

Rick Tittsler will be responsible for Promotion and Publicity. This is a role for which he has earned kudos for the good turnout in the stands at this Middle Meet. Horse people reported that new fans came around the barns to see the horses and ask questions. He will send pictures of today's races to Jess for the Website.

The Newsletter will be collaboration. Gabe and Rick will send the content to Sadie who has offered to continue to create layout and get to Susan to print. The fall newsletter will be ready to collate and prepare for mailing at our fall meeting. There is a request that all fair board members from each of the fairs be added to the mailing list by Sept.

Middle Meet Recap

Drivers signed T-shirts Toss worked well. Both drivers and fans got a kick out of it.

Announcer Woody, George Woodbridge, was "on his game today". This is much appreciated. No feedback yet on the Horse Profiles provided in the front of the program. Rick T. was asked to do a crossword puzzle for future programs where fans had to read the whole program in order to finish the crossword puzzle at the end.

The timing was better with the warm-up breaks after the 2nd and 4th.

Kyle and Dick were excellent associate judges. The radios were handy and worked well.

Bob Mohr stepped in at the last minute to start the races. This is much appreciated. Deanne has cancelled twice and will not be used as we have to be able to depend on the contracted starter. Gabe will pursue this with Tom Puetz.

The ambulance crew needs to be previewed about what to do in case of an accident, perhaps at the beginning of the season. They did a great job of checking all drivers as directed by the Charter (Susan). Dr Stone has been contacted about a first aid kit for the horses to be kept in the gate. This is still not available.

Today's accident will need to be reviewed in terms of USTA requirements for reporting.

Mark Swinehart had the track in excellent condition. Again. Thanks, Mark.

Gary Rath's 500 wins were celebrated at the beginning of the program. Congratulations, Gary. We want to continue to highlight the accomplishments of our competitors.

Rick T's banner and Susan's bunting on the back of the grandstand were "cool".

The logo pens on a string went over big and produced a 50 cent profit on each. We have 300 and will continue to offer them with the programs.

Raffle Calendars are in Jess Schroeder's hands and should be soon ready for printing.

Treasurer Susan asked for \$200 for a new camera for charting. Sadie has found what we need and will purchase this. This little camera can also be used for photo finishes when we are not charting. Rick Tittsler moved that we buy this. Susan seconded. Passed. Adjourned at 4:43. Jeanne moved. Becky seconded. Approved.



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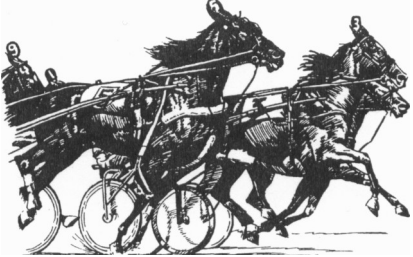
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Thank you!**

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