



MnDRA News

Obsolete?

Has Facebook made the newsletter redundant?



I have one of these on our farm. I loved using it.

Howdy all,

I want to start out stating I am not looking for compliments, or praise for the newsletter. Many of you send me notes and I greatly appreciate it. My question is more in line with is it time for us to evolve? Just about everything in this short newsletter has been on Facebook, or at least links to the information have been. The last two times I have asked for information for the newsletter, I have only gotten two responses. Both of which will be in this issue. So the question is, is this a useful vehicle to get information to the membership?

I will be the first to admit that I have been sporadic this year on getting the newsletter out. Part of it is the personal issues I have dealt with in terms of horse riding this year, and part of it is time and a lack of material. My understanding is no one gets a snail-

mail version of this, so everyone has access to the internet. Maybe we should make our web site more of the official news vehicle for MnDRA. I know Diane wants to move away from being the web mistress and maybe that would be a role I could take on. I have already written about the dangers of Facebook postings and I really think it would be a mistake for us to go that route.

So with the coming of the hot stove season and our annual meeting, it is time to decide if we want a newsletter. As a group, we do need to designate something as the official information device. Personally, I'm thinking snapchat.

=;{}} Happy trails. Ken

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A Message From UMECRA's President

I hope we all have a barn full of hay, fuzzy, happy horses and a warm and restful place to call home in the coming months. For most of us winter is a chance to do other things; take time off and recharge our batteries, start a new horse, take a riding lesson or two or more, or concentrate on little issues with your current mount's training.

I hope you'll consider going to the UMECRA convention on January 22, 23 & 24th. It's in the Wisconsin Dells this year at Wintergreen Resort. One of the seminars is on saddle fit. And as always there's a chance to see your riding buddies in the winter, sans riding tights and helmets.

The registration is in the November UMECRA newsletter. http://www.umecra.com/Newsletters/2015Newsletters/11_2015.pdf

Ride managers - if the park or campground you host your ride from has improvement needs please consider requesting trail funds.

Here is the link to the form: <http://www.umecra.com/Membership/TRAILGRANTREQUESTformJanuary2013.pdf>

Theresa Meyer
UMECRA President & MnDRA member



The Best Top Ten (or more) List

C	HW					
	1	Laurie	Brown	VC Makita	160	68.4
	2	Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	150	60.0
	3	Beckl	Sanford	Stryka Major Chord	110	44.0
	4	Joan	Thiel	A Risky Encounter	100	43.0
	5	Katja	Wiedrich	Sweet Honey De	110	41.0
	6	Sherry	Schelbeihut	Vallies SharDonae	85	37.4
	7	Ed	Barbo	Psyche On Fire	80	34.2
	8	Sheryl	O'Brien	CRF Lady Supreme	80	30.6
C	Jr					
	1	Ravyn	Swanson	Proud Rageyma	75	33.0
C	LW					
	1	Bev	Specht	JH Arabalesi	225	94.4
	2	Debra	Juettner	Rena	115	43.4
	3	Darlene	Molitor	Vallies Amerah	110	42.2
	4	Lynn	Reichert	CR Raazberry Dreme	100	40.0
	5	Jan	Rivard	Jewell	105	40.0
	6	Nancy	Salazar	Nebulucent	100	37.0
	7	Sarah	Kleser	MRA Whirlwind	85	29.4
	8	Victoria	Robison	SC Zhivago	80	28.8
	9	Candy	Barbo	CR Windsor	60	25.2
E	HW					
	1	Sheryl	O'Brien	Wild River Sundancer	445	172.0
	2	Joel	Hildebrandt	BE Spartious	320	132.8
	3	Edward	Hauser	Stevie Ray	270	112.0
E	JR					
	1	Cassidy	Wiehoff	Black Jack	310	129.0
	2	Grace	Steffl	Indiana	210	89.4
	3	Leah	Schnobrich	Buffy	200	80.0
E	LW					
	1	Peggy	Pasillas	Mattanahs Joker	370	132.4
	2	Jodi	Johannessen	PR Bay Muscrana	235	101.4
	3	Dana	Gasner	Remington	250	84.8
	4	Candy	Barbo	Psyche On Fire	185	78.4
	5	Scott	Campbell	JG Kings Major	210	70.4

THE BEST TOP TEN LIST CONT.

	6	Sarah	Maass	Royal Opus	210	70.4
	7	Cody	Collins	Lazers Legacy	175	68.0
	8	Jodi	Johannessen	Denndi Moore	150	66.0
	9	Emily	Meyer	Valles Jazrah	160	62.4
	10	Darlene	Molitor	CR Infinite Pryde	160	61.2
	11	Mary	Lambert	Psyches Amore	185	59.0
	12	Theresa	Meyer	Queen Heartt	160	55.2
	13	Chip	Jack	WF Everlasting	210	52.0
LD	JR					
	1	Cassidy	Wiehoff	WS Cabalero	110	46.2
	2	Emma	Christopherson	My Name Is Bob	110	46.0
	3	Emma	Christopherson	Misty	110	45.0
LD	SR					
	1	Diane	Schermerhorn	Iron Lady Hawk	380	114.0
	2	Teresa	Fett	CR Eastlr Lyilee	325	112.4
	3	Ann	Anderson	Jets TAHR Mindy	295	91.0
	4	Charlotte	Tuhy	Raffimas Image	215	88.6
	5	Diane	Merz	Sterling Illusion	190	80.0
	6	Dale	Lunde	Images Princess Hally	240	66.0
	7	Jodi	Johannessen	Denndi Moore	130	57.2
	8	Lynda	Zimmerman	Liuvia del Norte	245	56.8
	9	Allison	Kern	AFA Sadat	170	55.2
	10	Joel	Hildebrandt	Lacy Bay Express	100	38.0
	11	Paula	Gollowski	Willie Winchester	165	36.0
	12	Sarah	Maass	Royal Ajax	135	34.2
	13	Charlotte	Tuhy	Chazzy	80	34.2
	14	Paula	Gollowski	Little Bay	140	30.4
	15	Lynda	Zimmerman	HDR Petrolero de Nevado	135	28.0

LYNDA Z AND NEVADO HONORS

This is an article about Lynda and Nevado that was published in their local paper. I am reprinting it to spotlight the successes our horse rider teams have.



Local equestrienne, Lynda Zimmerman, and her 13 year old Paso Fino gelding, HDR Petrolero de Nevado, earned top honors from the Paso Fino Horse Association (PFHA) in this year's High Point Endurance Trail category by completing 305 competition miles in 12 events. Her 18 year old Paso Fino mare, Lluvia del Norte (Zia) won 2nd place by completing 295 miles in 11 events. The national breed association tracks how well its members' Paso Finos are performing in the sport of endurance riding over the competition year, which runs September 1st to August 31st. Zimmerman received her award on September 29th at the Paso Fino Grand Nationals Championship Show held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky.

Zimmerman competes in events set by the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC), a national organization which sanctions over 600 competitions a year. The sport is open to all equine breeds, and all four footed entrants must pass fitness criteria before, during and after each race. The welfare of the equine athlete is the primary concern of the officiating veterinarians, and they determine if a horse can start or continue in a ride. In order to earn a qualified completion, the veterinarians confirm the horse is "fit to continue" within a half hour of completing the race. The physical fitness of the horse is a critical factor to success. Like human marathon runners, endurance horses have to be in excellent condition to compete. Zimmerman spends many hours in the saddle keeping her horses fit. She also manages their nutrition needs and monitors their health to maximize their performance and maintain their wellbeing.

Zimmerman typically completes two rides at a weekend event and often finishes in the top ten. Her small statured Paso Finos are best known for their very smooth ride and are not a common choice for endurance riding, but she and her horses hold their own against the other entrants. Her class, called Limited Distance Endurance, usually entails a race of 25, 30 or 35 miles in length; Zimmerman and her horse typically complete the course in 3-6 hours, plus the mandatory mid-point rest period and vet check. Points are awarded for qualified completions, placings and vet scores. AERC's motto is, "To Finish is to Win," and Zimmerman takes this to heart. She prepares thoroughly and adjusts for each ride's unique factors (terrain and weather) to earn qualified completions. She and each of her horses are a team that relies on each other for success.

Zimmerman's High Point Endurance Trail awards measure her performance against other Paso Fino horses across the country, and she is proud of this year's honors, as well as her horses' other successes. She and Zia have competed for six years, successfully completing over 1,000 AERC miles. Nevado has been involved for three years, and they have over 500 AERC miles together. Both horses have the same sire (male parent), and Zia won a similar PHFA award four years ago. Zimmerman got involved in the sport in order to spend more time with her horses and plans to continue endurance riding for many more years. She says of her horses, "More than champions and awesome team partners, they are superb individuals with expressive personalities. I waited a long time to have horses back in my life and love spending so much time with them whether on trail, camping or just at the barn."



MNDRA ANNUAL MEETING

And

AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday March 12th, 2016

1:00pm – 7:00pm

Riverside Inn, Cold Spring MN

Overnight Accommodations Are Available

riversideinnofcoldspring.com

booking.com/hotel/us/inn-cold-spring-third-street.html

More Details to Follow

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