

FORT ARMSTRONG HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER – MAY 2010
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Have you seen all the improvements at the park?? A special **“THANK YOU”** goes to the very dedicated members who volunteered their time and energy to the Work Day on April 18th. As we do not have the money to pay someone to do all these things, it falls to you, the members of the park, to help maintain the facility. What a great group of volunteers showed up to work. They put a 4th rail on the practice ring, scrubbed the roofs of the pavilions and trimmed the tree branches around the pavilions. Landscaping was done to beautify the entrance, the picnic area and in front of the restrooms and the barn. A sign was erected at the entrance to announce the event being held. The manure pits were refurbished, a new bridge was constructed for obstacle courses. French drains were put in around the barns, the horse wash bay drains were cleaned out. The shower house was scrubbed down and is now ready for the season. Trash and leaves were cleaned out from under the bleachers. A new door was installed in the admin bldg. Rafters in barn three were replaced after being damaged this winter. Hand sanitizers were installed in the outdoor toilets in the woods. And, we still had time to eat at a great potluck gathering. **All of this was done by volunteers.** Remember, many hands make light work. ~ Sandy Cullen

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ **Friday May 7th is FAMILY FUN NIGHT.** We will meet in the arena at 7:30 P.M. for lots of fun and some laughs. Events planned are dollar bareback, egg and spoon race, Australian trot, bribe your horse and possibly some that you suggest. **There is no fee for this event, so come join in the fun!!!!**
- ◆ **Saturday May 8th at 9:45 A.M: the Rodeo Queen Contestants invite you to a Riding demonstration in the arena.** The girls have been practicing riding with flags. If you would like to see the routine that the girls are working on, please be there.
- ◆ **Saturday May 8th Fun Show starts at 10:00 A.M.** Registration begins at 8:45 A.M. Please do not wait until the last minute to register as it causes confusion and omissions.
- ◆ **BAKE SALE - Saturday May 8th** - Please consider donating a baked good product or purchasing some. We have started a new fund and the monies made will be put toward purchasing new bleachers or refurbishing the one we have now. This is Sandy's new pet project and we need to start raising money. Remember the Playground. It took a while but we did it. Anyone with ideas on fundraising, please talk to her.
- ◆ **Sunday May 9th - Mother's Day.** The Rodeo Queen contestants will be hosting a **Mother's Day Fashion Show and Tea in the Museum Barn.** The Fashion Show starts at 10:00A.M. All the ladies are invited to attend. The girls have worked hard and would appreciate your attendance. Please call Sandy 724-668-2796 to RSVP before Friday May 7th or register at the administration building on Friday evening during Family Fun Night.
- ◆ **Parade News- Kittanning Memorial Day Parade will be May 31st at 11:00 A.M.** If you would like to participate, there is dress code. We need people to walk the route with some of the horses. **We need a pooper-scooper too!!!!** It's a lot of fun. If you

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are unsure about how your horse will act, you can have someone walk beside you or you can just lead your horse. If you need more info, Call Sandy. 724-668-2796

June 5 - Ice Cream Social and Queen Crowning at 12 Noon in the Picnic Area. Please bring your favorite ice cream topping to share.

TRAIL UPDATE: Unfortunately, the weather and volunteers did not cooperate for the April 25th work day. Wes was able to get the trail open from McAninch Trail Head to the Lolli-pop trail and from the Covered Bridge to the main park. If you are a trail rider – please consider volunteering to help the Adopt-A-Trail volunteers. You expect to have a wonderful trail ride when you arrive at our park. Without our volunteers it would be impossible to keep the trails open. This time of year is very labor intensive with all the new growth and winter dead fall on the trail. Everyone can help. Sadly, at the McAninch Trail Head several of our picnic tables were stolen. We have removed the remaining tables from the area. We realize this will be a disappointment to those of you who like to pack a picnic lunch for the trail.

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July 3 and 4 - Team Penning and Poker Ride weekend - This weekend is a great time for everyone. We will have penning July 3 and 4. Practice runs followed by a great dinner and draw pot. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. We have a lot people that will help you and will make practice runs with you. We will also be riding in the Ford City Parade this weekend - This is a huge parade and a lot of fun for our riders.

The 4th of July poker ride will benefit **Second Chance Equine Center**. See the enclosed flyer for the event. For more information about SCEA check out their website:



www.secondchanceequine.com Second Chance Equine Association (S.C.E.A.) is an established non-profit organization in Westmoreland County. They are dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of horses and other equine, which have been seized by humane officers in various counties. The animals are given any health care treatment they may require. FMI on the poker ride: Karen @ 724-537-2806

Last year we paid out over \$1200 in prize money at our July 4th Poker Ride - Be sure to join us this year! You have to play to win!

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Fun Show News: The August Fun Show date has been changed due to scheduling conflicts. **The new date is August 28th**. The show will start at 10:00 A.M. The handcrafted silent auction will be held at that time. Now is time to start working on your silent auction item. Your donation is extremely important to the success of the auction. Also, please support the auction, as it is a lot of fun!!!



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RODEO UPDATE: Rodeo Trail Ride registrations are now being accepted. Please be sure to get your camping and trail riding reservations in to Karen Clark (724-354-2148) as soon as possible. Reservation forms are included with your newsletter and on our website. This year the rodeo entertainment will be Willard Powell "Lone Indian Chief". You can view his shows at www.loneindianchief.com Altmeyer's Trailer Sales & Western Wear on Route 422 will have discount tickets available for advance purchase. Volunteers are still needed to work at the rodeo. If you are interested in volunteering for the parking crew or any other rodeo help - please contact Karen Winter @ 724-537-2806. We also need help after team penning to set up for the rodeo.

Did you know that we raised enough money at the rodeo last year to buy 10,500 pounds of food for the Armstrong County Food Bank? 852 families were able to have a meal thanks to the generosity of our rodeo fans and sponsors. The rodeo started at CCHP in 1996 and we have a long history of helping those in need in Armstrong County.



This year we will again assist the food banks in Armstrong County. Today, more than ever, our community needs our help. Thank you for attending the rodeo!

Please be sure to thank our sponsors when you visit their businesses. We are thankful for their support.

Rodeo road signs will be available at the fun show in May and June. Please take a couple and help us advertise the event. We have 200 signs to put up - if everyone takes a couple it makes the job so much easier.

July 31 - 10AM to 3PM the Joann Long (Gentle Dove Farm) Mounted Police Style Obstacle Clinic. Please contact Joann as soon as possible to reserve your spot. The rider fee is \$125 with pre-registration required. Auditors are welcome! - Come watch this unique horse training event! Auditor fee is \$25/person pre-registered; or \$30 at the door to watch! If you have questions about the clinic - please contact Joann directly. For more information or to pre-register, call Joann Long at (585) 738-7477, or e-mail JKLong@rochester.rr.com or www.GentleDoveFarm.com. We also have a complete description of the clinic on our website.

July 31st - FAHA will host a Mounted Open Obstacle Challenge at 6PM. This event will be for adult riders and will be triple judged and cash will be paid out to the top three riders - no breed or age divisions - this is an OPEN event. Number of entries will be limited - pre-register to guarantee your entry in this event. We will not use the same obstacles as the Mounted Police Style Obstacle Clinic.

FAHA Member Discounts: July 31 and August 1, 2010 - Save \$7!

FAHA members may enter the Mounted Open Obstacle Challenge for \$20 per horse/rider combination. This is a \$5 discount from the full \$25 non-FAHA member entry fee.

FAHA members may enter the August 1, 2010 Poker Ride at a reduced entry fee of \$18. This is a \$2 discount from the \$20 non-member fee.

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2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS (tentative)

All dates are subject to change – please contact event manager to confirm.

For open dates, rental info, or to schedule an event – contact

Sue Mangus @ (724) 567-5539 or suefaha@yahoo.com

JANUARY

12 BOD & Membership Meeting 7PM

FEBRUARY

9 BOD & Membership Mtg @ Kings 7 PM
 20 Rodeo Queen meeting 1pm @ CCHP

MARCH

9 BOD & Membership Meeting 7 PM

APRIL

3 - 4
 10-11
 13 BOD & Membership Meeting 7 PM
 17 FAHA Tack Swap 8AM / Shot Clinic 10 AM 724-668-2796
 / Fun Show 1 PM
 18 FAHA Work day
 24-25

MAY

1 Horseman's Open Obstacle Challenge 724-859-7938
 For more info go to www.pnhainc.com
 7 FAHA Family Fun Night 7:30 PM 724-668-2796
 8 FAHA Fun Show 10 AM 724-668-2796
 9 FAHA Cowboy mounted shooting 11 AM 724-468-6808
 11 BOD & Membership Meeting 7 PM
 14-15
 20-23 Hickory Creek Camping/Trail Ride 814-484-7520
 For reservations call Tom
 22-23
 29-30

JUNE

5 FAHA Rodeo Queen crowning 10 AM 724-668-2796
 / Fun Show 2 PM
 6 FAHA Cowboy Mounted Shooting 11 AM 724-468-6808
 8 BOD & Membership Meeting 7 PM
 12-13
 19-20 Fort Armstrong Open Game Show 724-397-2885
 25-27 Westmoreland Horseman's Assoc. 724-539-2834

JULY

2-4 FAHA Team Penning 724-468-6808
 4 FAHA Poker Ride 724-537-2806
 9-11 FAHA Rodeo and Trail Ride 724-545-1271
 13 BOD & Membership Meeting 7 PM
 17
 18 Armstrong County 4-H Round Up 724-548-3447
 24-25
 30 FAHA Mounted Shooting Challenge 7PM 724-468-6808
 31 Obstacle Course Clinic 10 AM – 3 PM 724-537-2806
 31 FAHA Open Obstacle Competition 6PM 724-537-2806

AUGUST

1 FAHA Poker Ride 10 AM 724-668-2796
 6-8 Crooked Creek Open Show 724-864-1689
 10 BOD & Membership Meeting 7 PM
 14-15 Fort Armstrong Open Game Show 724-397-2885
 21
 22 Judged Pleasure Trail Ride 724-668-2796
 28 FAHA Fun Show 10 AM 724-668-2796
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SEPTEMBER

4-5
 11 FAHA Fun Show 10 AM 724-668-2796
 12 FAHA Cowboy Mounted Shooting 11AM 724-468-6808
 14 BOD & Membership Meeting 7 PM
 16-19 Benezette Trail Ride Weekend 724-295-3357
 18-19 PA High School Rodeo
 25-26 Liz Graves All Breed Horse Clinic 724-845-9790

OCTOBER

2 Cow Patty Bingo 724-543-8682
 3
 9 IUP Show/ Event 724-994-4605
 10
 12 BOD & Membership Meeting 7 PM
 Nomination of Officers for 2011
 16 FAHA Halloween Fun Show 10 AM 724-668-2796
 17 FAHA Fun Show Banquet 724-668-2796
 23-24
 30-31

NOVEMBER

9 BOD & Membership Meeting 7 PM
 Election of Officers for 2011

DECEMBER

NO MEETING

NOTE: Check entry forms for early registration and FAHA member discounts. Early registration helps show managers plan for your favorite shows. And, it can save you money!

Questions about events should be directed to the number listed for each event.

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Save the Dates: Fun for Everyone - Plan to spend the weekend at CCHP!

- July 3 and 4 - Team Penning & Poker Ride weekend at CCHP
- July 9 and 10 - Fort Armstrong Championship Rodeo & Trail Ride
- July 30 Friday Night Mounted Shooting Practice (no payback)
- July 31 - Joann Long Mounted Police Style Obstacle Clinic 10AM to 3PM
- July 31- FAHA Mounted Open Obstacle Challenge - 6PM
- August 1 - Sunday- Poker Ride
- August 6-8: Open Show - All Breed Open Show.
- August 22 - Judged Pleasure Trail Ride

Question: What is the easiest volunteer job at the park? Answer: Please share your newsletter with other horse people! It doesn't cost you a penny and you won't even break a sweat. Be sure to share your newsletter with a friend who isn't a member of FAHA. Tell them about our website and events. All of our newsletters, event flyers and entry forms are on the website - help us get the word out about the great events at CCHP. Invite a friend to an event at the park. Take a newsletter with you to other horse events. Post event flyers at your favorite horse stores. Thank you!

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TO: