

FORT ARMSTRONG HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2010
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The Fort Armstrong Horsemen's Association and Foundation is please to announce the results of our November 2009 election.



President: Sandy Cullen Term: January 2010-December 2012

Sandy has been a very active member of FAHAF for several years. She has served on the Board of Directors and as park liaison. She has been involved with all sides of running CCHP and we are delighted to have her as our President. Sandy and her husband Bill reside near Delmont with their horses, dogs and goats. You will usually find them both hard at work at CHHP surrounded by their grandchildren. Please give Sandy your support in this challenging job.

Elected to the Board of Directors for a 4-year term of service:

Ken Collins Term: 2010-2014

Karen Winter Term: 2010-2014

FAHA is accepting bids until **March 1st** for Stall Cleaners, Grass Cutting, Park Liaison, and Kitchen vendor. If you are interested in bidding on the work – please contact Bill Roman @ 724-845-7120 for more details. All bids are to be submitted in writing to FAHA, PO Box 266 FORD CITY, PA 16226 **Bids must be submitted by March 1, 2010** to be considered by the Board of Directors. **FAHA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids for services.**



NOTICE: Winning bidder is an independent contractor and will be responsible for all tax reporting. You will not be an employee of FAHA. **FAHA will issue an IRS 1099 form for the 2010 show season.**

It is time to renew your membership for the 2010 event season. Membership forms are included in this newsletter. Please complete both sides of the form, sign it, and return with payment to Butch and Dianna Loran.

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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 - August 1 - Friday Night Mounted Shooting Contest with Cash Payback,

Saturday - Joann Long Mounted Police Style Obstacle Clinic followed by FAHA Open

Obstacle Challenge - Ridin' for the Money! Sunday will be a Poker Ride followed by a Fun Show! Special weekend rates for FAHA members - details in the March newsletter.

Have some news to share? Newsletter information should be sent to Karen Winter - krwinter@comcast.net

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 9th – Membership and Board of Director Meeting

- We will meet at Kings Restaurant in Hyde Park at 7PM. You will find us in the large room at the back of the restaurant. Why not join us for dinner and find out what is planned for 2010? We hope to see you there.

February 20th – FAHA Rodeo Queen Contest- 1:00PM at CCHP

- Dianna Lorant and Gloria Shank will be heading up the committee for the Queen Contest. There have been several changes made to the event this year. Girls between the ages of 13 and 18, and have been a member of CCHP for at least one year, are eligible to compete. If interested, the first meeting will be held at the Horse Park Admin Bldg on February 20th at 1:00 P.M. Questions, Call Dianna @ 724-478-1540

April 17th – Tack Swap, Horse Health Fair, and Fun Show!

- **The Tack Swap will begin at 8:00 A.M.** The cost is \$10.00 per space and you must bring your own tables. For more information, call Sandy @ 724-668-2796.
- **Horse Health Fair at 10:00AM** - Dr. Yvonne Lidell will be on site to provide spring immunizations and Coggins testing. Veterinary registration forms will be available on our website and in the newsletter in March. Also Jamie Colder (724-859-5572) will be on hand to discuss your horse's teeth and the maintenance of them. Jamie will have appointments for about 6 horses to have their teeth floated. It will be by pre-registration only - call him if you want an appointment.
- **The FUN SHOW will begin at 1:00 P.M.** If you would like to volunteer your time to help make the shows run smoothly, please don't hesitate to call Sandy at 724-668-2796. Please take time to review the 2010 Fun Show Rules included with this newsletter - there are changes from the 2009 show season.
We always need help the day of the show.

April 18th – Work Day

- April 18th will be a work day at the park. Everyone is asked to give a couple of hours of your time to help get the park in shape for the upcoming season. Last fall our work day was a huge success. We replaced the upper ring, cleaned out the bottom of the museum barn, cleaned all the gutters on the barns and administration buildings, replaced the gutters that needed fixed, rebuilt the foundation for the outdoor toilet, and put up signs that have been waiting for a long time. There are numerous other jobs that need to be tackled and with your help we can get much more accomplished. Bring a covered dish to share during the day.

FAHA FUN SHOW RULES – 2010

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These rules have been set forth by the Fun Show Committee to promote the safety of all participants in the event. The Committee asks that you respect these rules so as to make this a truly FUN SHOW Thank you for your co-operation.

- All riders in Lead Line, Pee Wee and Junior's are required to wear helmets while in the arena. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**
- Hard soled shoes with a heel must be worn in the arena. No tennis shoes, crocs, or flip flops are permitted
- All lead line handlers must maintain a hold on the lead rope while in the ring. Do not leave go of the rope on the way back to the gate.
- Beginner riders need to start in the Lead Line class.
- **Anyone competing in the lead line class is NOT permitted to compete in any other class.**
- All Lead Line participants must be old enough to walk and must have a helmet that fits properly.
- **PLEASE, No standing in front of the entrance gate.** It causes congestion for the riders who need to get into the arena and those who need to get out.
- **RUNNING YOUR HORSE INTO THE ARENA WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.** If your horse will not walk into the arena, dismount and lead your horse in or have someone help you.
- Use caution while riding through the park. There are vehicles entering and exiting the park, small children playing, and others walking in the park. **DO NOT RUN THROUGH THE PARK !!!**
- *Dogs must be on leashes at all times. Please clean up after your dog in the picnic area, if necessary*
- **ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING IN THE BARN!!!! YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PARK!**
- *Please use the manure pits if you clean your stalls. There are manure pits at each barn. Please do not use the trash cans!!!*
- FAHA is not responsible for any items, tack, clothing, etc., left unattended during or after the Fun Show.
- **DO NOT TIE HORSES TO TREES**
- Horses are not permitted in the picnic area or in the area between the bleachers and the arena.
- **Stallions are not permitted to compete in the Fun Shows.**
- The safety of the all participants is of utmost importance.

FUN SHOW Ages of Class Participants:

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Lead Line: Lead Line children must be able to walk and their helmet must fit properly. These rules are for the protection of the child.

Pee Wee: Ages 7-11 **Juniors:** Ages 12 -16 **Seniors:** Ages 17 -34

Masters: 35 and older

Volunteers are always needed in these areas: Office help, ring crew, announcers, gatekeepers, ring stewards, and various other small jobs. Your help is needed to keep the show running.

The Joann Long (Gentle Dove Farm) Mounted Police Style Obstacle Clinic is filling up quickly. If you are interested in attending the clinic with your horse, 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. She will be very willing to talk to you about your horse and the clinic opportunity. 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.**

New Event: A special weekend is planned from Friday, July 30 through Sunday, August 1st. On Friday evening we will offer our first cash payback Cowboy Mounted Shooting - FAHA Style! Plan to attend the FAHA shooting practices in May and June to get ready to shoot for \$\$\$\$. Following the Joann Long clinic on the evening of July 31st - FAHA will host an 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. A complete set of entry rules will be posted on our website in March. Admission will be free for spectators at the evening event. **PLEASE NOTE:** There is an auditor fee for the Joann Long clinic from 10AM to 3PM - the grandstand will be "closed" unless you have purchased an auditor pass from Joann. The rest of the CCHP grounds will be open. We are planning free activities for those not auditing the clinic. We will also have a spaghetti dinner available from 4 to 6PM. Sunday morning we will have a poker ride followed by a fun show. **Volunteers are needed** to work at the dinner, evening obstacle challenge and the poker ride. If you are interested -please contact Karen Winter @ 724-537-2806 or krwinter@comcast.net .

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2010

Membership Application
Fort Armstrong Horsemen's Association (FAHA)
Membership Year is April 01, 2010 to April 01, 2011

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Family membership is two adults and children under age 21 living in the same household.
Please list names of family members and ages of children:

_____	Individual Membership	\$25.00
_____	Family Membership	\$35.00
_____	Trail Map	\$5.00
	Total:	_____

Adult #1 Name: _____

Adult #2 Name: _____

Children:

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Mail form with **check payable to FAHA** to:

Butch & Diana Lorant
331 Rumbaugh Road
Apollo, PA 15613
Phone: 724-478-1540

**THIS IS A 2 PAGE FORM - PLEASE SIGN HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT/RELEASE
WAIVER ON BACK – YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNLESS BOTH
PAGES ARE COMPLETED – THANK YOU!**

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Hold Harmless Agreement / Participant Release Waiver

On behalf of Fort Armstrong Horseman's Association / Foundation, Operator of Crooked Creek Horse Park, Manor Recreation Area, Ford City, PA

This is a release for all FAHA Events and Activities during the Membership Year 2010 through the close of the membership year on April 01, 2011 and includes those members indicated on the membership application and as listed below.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING!!!

EVENT SPONSORS AND CLUB ADMINISTRATORS DO NOT ASSURE YOUR SAFETY

I acknowledge that I, the Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian, will be responsible for any and all costs incurred by the participant or the participants family members for injuries or property damage that I or my family may incur, and that I, the Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian, have accident medical insurance coverage in force for injuries that I or my family may incur.

I acknowledge that I, Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian, will be responsible for my negligent acts, the negligent acts of my family members and/or legal wards and animals, and I, Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian, do carry personal liability insurance now in force.

I acknowledge that I, Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian, participate in this event totally at my own risk for injuries or property damage I or my family may incur and I acknowledge that I, Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian, et.al. hereby release and hold harmless the sponsor, co-sponsors, their owners, their officers, directors, members, affiliated organizations and others acting on its behalf, from any claim, legal liability, legal action, or right of damages, for any accident which may occur to me or my equine animal. I also assume and accept full responsibility for any damages done by me, or my dog at this show, activity or event.

I, the undersigned Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian, being of legal age, have read and understand the above agreement and release.

Child #1: _____ ***Child #3:*** _____
Child #2: _____ ***Child #4:*** _____

<i>Name of Parent/Guardian Adult #1 (Please Print)</i>	<i>Signature of Parent/Guardian Adult #1</i>	<i>Date</i>
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<i>Name of Parent/Guardian Adult #2 (Please Print)</i>	<i>Signature of Parent/Guardian Adult #2</i>	<i>Date</i>
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Address: _____ Phone: _____

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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
7PM
20 Rodeo Queen Meeting 1PM @ CCHP

MARCH

9 BOD & Membership Meeting 7PM

APRIL

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

MAY

1 Horseman's Open Obstacle Challenge 724-859-7938
For more info go to www.pnhainc.com
7 FAMILY FUN SHOW NIGHT – 7PM 724-668-2796
8 FAHA Fun Show 10AM 724-668-2796
9 FAHA Cowboy Mounted Shooting 11AM 724-468-6808
11 BOD & Membership Meeting 7PM
14-16 Hickory Creek Camping/Trail Ride 724-295-3357
14-16 PA High School Rodeo (tentative)
22-23 PAHA Open Horse Show 724-637-3027
29-30 FHPA Open Horse Show 724-397-4492

JUNE

5 FAHA Fun Show 2 PM 724-668-2796
6 FAHA Cowboy Mounted Shooting 11AM 724-468-6808
8 BOD & Membership Meeting 7PM
12-13 Armstrong County 4-H Driving/Trail Clinic 724-548-3447
19-20 Fort Armstrong Open Game Show 724-397-2885
26-27 Westmoreland Horseman's Assoc. 724-539-2834

JULY

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

AUGUST

1 FAHA Fun Show Noon 724-668-2796
6-8 Crooked Creek Open Show 724-864-1689
10 BOD & Membership Meeting 7PM
14-15 Fort Armstrong Open Game Show 724-397-2885
21-22
28-29

SEPTEMBER

4-5
7 BOD & Membership Meeting 7PM
11 FAHA Fun Show 10AM 724-668-2796
12 FAHA Cowboy Mounted Shooting 11AM 724-468-6808
17-19 PA High School Rodeo (tentative)
17-19 Benezette Trail Ride Weekend 724-295-3357
or 724-554-6447
25-26 Liz Graves All Breed Horse Clinic 724-845-9790

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

9 BOD & Membership Meeting 7PM
Election of Officers for 2010

DECEMBER

NO MEETING

If you need more information about an event listed on the calendar, please call the phone number listed for the event on the calendar. Crooked Creek Horse Park does not have a telephone.

All events are subject to change – check the website or call the show manager for up-to-date information.

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The wagon rests in winter, the sleigh in summer, the horse never. ~ Yiddish Proverb

The essential joy of being with horses is that it brings us in contact with the rare elements of grace, beauty, spirit, and fire. ~Sharon Ralls Lemon

Heaven is high and earth wide. If you ride three feet higher above the ground than other men, you will know what that means. ~Rudolf C. Binding

"You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink," is an old saying that is not exactly true, because anybody that's ever been around horses would know if the horse didn't want to go to the water then it wouldn't. ;-)

When you are on a great horse, you have the best seat you will ever have.
- Sir Winston Churchill

HAPPY TRAILS!

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Ford City, PA 16226

TO: