



GLDC

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all.

First of all I would like to thank Crystal Young for opening her home to us for the February Meeting. Secondly, thank you to Joan Kamm and Barb Gunning for a fun, informative presentation on Free-Style. Most of us NOW are willing to take a shot at it! I can't wait for our August show!

I've included a calendar outlining events for the upcoming months – some of them are GLDC sponsored, some are not. A couple of comments regarding these events, especially for those of you who could not make the last meeting.

- 1) Tammy Hand has volunteered to handle the Ride-A-Tests this year. They will take place at Centaur Equine Center, 13101 Wanty Road, Milan, Michigan. More information will be forthcoming as to reservations, judges, etc. Although 4 were scheduled, one conflicted with the schooling show so was not included in the calendar. Hopefully it can be rescheduled.
- 2) Flatlanders has agreed to include our schooling show with their series of three. If you participate in any three of the four shows, you can qualify for their year-end awards.
- 3) Kit from Animal Krackers will be at Centerline on March 28th. He will assess your horse (and saddle fit, if desired) for free. There is a charge if he works on your horse. All are welcome to come watch and learn in the AM There will be a nominal charge to "audit".
- 4) Randy Groll (VP at Ramm Fence) is sponsoring a Kenny Harlow 5-day symposium at his farm in Bryan, Ohio beginning at the end of May. Harlow was one of the first trainers certified by John Lyons. He works with problem horses, as well as riders wanting to improve their ability. Fees vary according to level of participation.
- 5) Marina Genn is back in this area. Private lessons are \$150 for 45 minutes, and \$25 to audit the lecture and clinic (includes lunch).
- 6) Don't forget the Purina clinic at Centerline. There are usually great give-aways! And a representative from Althans Equine Insurance will be present to discuss Equine liability and morality insurance. They also insure clubs, farms, trainers, etc.
- 7) Judy Finkel is working on putting together a small schooling show at Rosetown Stable on Nebraska Avenue. More info to follow.

WHEW! A lot going on! I hope I haven't missed anything. If so, shoot me a quick e-mail and we'll get it in the next newsletter.

The February meeting was held at Crystal Young's home. Ruth Ann Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

Secretary's Report

There were no minutes to approve. Thank you Barb Gunning for taking today's minutes.

Treasurer's Report

It's mid February already and hopefully we'll start getting some milder winter weather now after all the snow and ice we had in January.

Show season will be upon us before we know it, so if you have not done so already, please get your GLDC annual dues renewal in to me as soon as possible. The price for a single membership is \$20.00 and a family membership is \$30.00. Send your checks made payable to the Great Lakes Dressage Club to me:

Linda Urbanski, 29490 Bates Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551

Please include a short note listing your name, address, phone number and email address so I can make sure my records are up to date.

Current checking account balance as of 2/9/09- \$2,595.06

Current savings account balance as of 2/9/09 - \$2,739.76

I have an additional \$170.00 to deposit from membership renewals, plus any other membership renewals I receive at our February meeting.

We have new members who have joined for 2009, which brings our total membership to 58 members

I would like to welcome new members to our club:

Tim and Tammy Sherman of Black Swamp Friesians, Swanton, Oh

Beth Lake and her 12-year-old daughter, Lexi Lake of Hidden Creek Farm OTTB, llc of Whitehouse, OH

Kathy Benjamin, Sylvania, OH Rose Town Stables

Committee Reports

Clinics and Camps

Pam Shipley reported on Clinics. She reported that Tammy Hand is organizing four Ride-A-Test events in Milan MI. If these are going to be considered GLDC functions, then the issue of liability insurance must be addressed. The club has insurance to cover seven events. Additional events may be covered at \$45 per event. The dates of the Ride-A-Tests must be verified with Tammy. There will be a small arena which is appropriate for Intro, Training Level and the first test of Level 1. Jane Kelly and Missy Maziotti will be two of the judges. Some stalls will be available. The exact dates, fees and directions will be publicized as soon as possible. Other clinics and a summer camp were assessed but they do not seem feasible at this time.

Joan Kamm offered her stable for a clinic.

Albert from Fenton, MI is willing to have a clinic for the GLDC. This will be assessed and reported on at the next meeting.

Another idea shared by Pam Shipley is to have a saddle fitting clinic with Schleese

Scholarship

Joan Kamm did not have a report.

Fall Trail Ride

Ruth Ann Walsh spoke to Jennifer at Wyldewood Tack Shop regarding the Fall Trail Ride. Jennifer would be willing to co-sponsor the ride and she would be willing to co-chair the event.

Pam Shipley reported that she spoke to Ginger Post, who was not able to make this meeting, and Ginger would like to continue to chair the Trail Ride. Pam will talk to Ginger about the idea of co-chairs.

Lori Schroeder reported that the Bowling Green Equestrian Team would like to volunteer at the Trail Ride.

Holiday Party 2009

Rosie Shine reported that the Holiday Party will be held on December 14, 2009 at the Whitehouse Inn in Whitehouse, OH. The Whitehouse Inn is charging \$10.95 for a buffet that would include chicken, pasta, prime rib, salads, vegetables, etc.

Year End Awards

There was some discussion about changing the year end awards from ribbons to things such as saddle pads, vases, etc. This topic will be discussed in more depth at a future meeting. Input from members who show will be requested.

Apparel

Bonnie Droessler suggested that the oldest apparel be put on sale. There was general consensus that this was a good idea (I do not think we voted on this). Bonnie had the apparel with her at the meeting. She will also take it to the March 28th event at Lori Schroeder's Centerline Farm.

Library

Missy Mazziotti reported that the club has approximately 60 videos. She has all but a few in the library. Members who have videos out on loan should remember to return them. It was suggested that the club purchase some additional videos/DVDs. Jane Kelly offered to get a list of videos/DVDs for possible purchase together for the next meeting.

Schooling Show

Crystal Young stated that the Summer show will be held at WB (Wylie's) Ranch. There are two indoor arenas – one for the show and one for warm up. More information will be coming out.

Old Business

Animal Crackers

Lori Schroeder reminded the members that Animal Crackers, chiropractic therapy, will be at her stable on March 28th beginning at 9 am. The first one to two hours will be primarily discussion. Then Kit will begin assessing horses and providing necessary

therapy. The assessment is free of charge. Therapy costs \$100 per horse. Five percent of the profits will be donated to the GLDC and 5% will be donated to the Fulton County Horseman's Association.

Equine Liability Insurance

An insurance agent would like to speak to the GLDC members about equine insurance. It was suggested that she either go to April 13th event at St. George or to J&B Feed's March 30th Purina Seminar at Centerline Farm. We already have speakers or programs for all 2009 scheduled meetings, but the members agreed that it would be beneficial to learn about Equine Insurance.

New Business

Dressage Training On Line

Jane Kelly has viewed the Dressage training on line. She stated that it is a very good website and you can explore the website without signing up. If you decide to sign up, you can get the first month free. However, she warned that if you choose not to continue the subscription, you must cancel **within** the first month – other wise you will be billed. The cost is \$36 per month.

Poles and Fencing for the Arena

Diane Krajicek suggested that the club obtain some additional poles and fencing from Ramm Fencing. These extra poles and fencing would be used to quickly and easily modify our large arena into a small arena. Karen Miller made the motion to purchase the necessary items and Pam Shipley seconded the motion. All were in favor

See page 8 for Animal Crackers Flyer.

CLASSIFIEDS

If you wish to place an ad, please call or email Judy Finkel at 419-535-1723 or judyfinkel@att.net. Pictured below are new member Kathy Benjamin and Zena at last years Ride-A-Test held at Joan Kamm's, The Chase.



GLDC CALENDAR 2009

MARCH

28th Animal Krackers Equine Therapy presentation, 9AM til Noon at Centerline Farm, Swanton, OH. FMI 419 826-5852

28th,29th Marina Genn Clinic, Three Fillies Farm, Saline, MI
FMI 419 351-3667

30th Purina sponsored clinic with J&B Feed hosted at Centerline Farm, Swanton, Ohio

APRIL

11th GLDC Ride-A-Test at Centaur Equestrian Center, Milan, MI
FMI 734 439-3121

13th 7:00 PM Long- lining Clinic with Kati Marci at St. George Stable In Waterville, OH More information to follow.

25th Tack sale/swap with Fulton County Horseman's Council at Centerline Farm, Swanton, Ohio FMI 419 826-5852

MAY

10th GLDC Ride-A-Test. Same info as above

29th Kenny Harlow 5-day symposium, "Training with Trust"
Bryan , OH FMI Randy, 419 826-2419

JUNE

8th 7:00 PM GLDC meeting. Location TBA

13th First Flatlanders Schooling Show in Findlay. More Info to follow.

JULY

13th 7:00 PM GLDC Summer Picnic. Irish Mist Farm, Swanton, Ohio

18th 2nd Flatlanders Schooling Show in Findlay. More info To follow

AUGUST

8th GLDC Schooling Show at WC Ranch, Country Rd "B"
Swanton, Ohio

SEPTEMBER

14th "Bomb Proofing Your Horse" Location TBA

19th Final Schooling show with Flatlanders in Findlay, OH
More info to follow.

OCTOBER

4th GLDC Fall Fundraiser, Trail Ride. More info to follow.

24th GLDC Ride-A-Test (Same info as previous)

NOVEMBER

9th GLDC Planning meeting at Charlie's Restaurant,
Swanton, Ohio

DECEMBER

14th 6:00PM GLDC Holiday Party, Whitehouse Inn, Whitehouse. OH
Ohio More info to follow.



Michigan Marina Genn Clinic
March 28 & 29, 2009

Three Fillies Farm, Saline, MI

Whether you are a beginning rider, Training level through FEI level, Event rider or Hunter/Jumper, you are invited to join us. It is Marina's goal to teach students how to achieve balance and harmony with their horse through proper timing of the aids.

Originally from Germany, Marina equestrian studies excelled under the direction of Reiner Klimke, Herbert Rehbein, and Johann Hinnemann.

First in a series of workshops, Marina will offer lessons, seat exercises and lunch lectures.

45 Minute Private Lessons \$150.00

Auditors \$25.00

(Theory class and lunch included)

Please call 419-351-3667 (or email whoadamit@aol.com) for additional information or reservations.



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*Dressage: when horse
and rider move as one*

Banner orCurtain for Show



Wendy O'Desky asked about having a GLDC banner or curtain for our shows. Diane Krajicek (sp?) stated that we have a banner with our name and logo. It can be used for any of the shows and other club events. It is in storage with the fencing

Presentation

Joan Kamm and Barbara Gunning provided information about riding Freestyle. The main focus of Joan's presentation was how to pick appropriate music and Barbara's presentation summarized her experience at the Karen Robinson Freestyle Clinic.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pam Shipley and it was seconded by Joan Kamm. The meeting was adjourned at about 8:45.

.Next Meeting
March 9, 2009

See us on the web at:
www.greatlakesdressage.com

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Animal Crackers Equine Therapy

March 28 - 30, 2009

Centerline Farm
14124 Sherman-White Road
Swanton, OH 43558
419-826-5852

*Owner Awareness &
Saddle Fitting Clinic
sponsored by the
Great Lakes Dressage Club &
Fulton County Horseman's Club
Saturday, March 28
Starts at 9:00am
Auditors/Spectators \$10.00
4-H kids &
equestrian teams are free.*

Kit & Kelli, from Animal Crackers Body Balancing will be back in Swanton, OH March 28-30. This will be Kit's 30th visit to this area. On each visit there are 30-40 horses for Kit to work with! If you live in the Swanton area, we can come to your barn, or you can come to ours. Kit will examine your horse, explain & show you what he finds & will ask you if you want his assistance. If there is no work to be done, there's no charge & \$100 if he works with your horse. If you would like additional information on Kit, check out his website at www.animalcrackersequine.com. If you are interested, please let us know what day & time works best for you. 

Owners and riders of equine athletes are always looking for an edge in performance. No matter if you ride for ribbons or pleasure, you always want your horse to be at his best. Body Balancing is a "whole" body therapy utilizing massage technique, myofascial release, pressure point therapy for increased circulation and range of motion. Adding to this, stretching and flexing to increase mobility. Non-chiropractic and non-soring!

Just as the appreciation for massage therapy for human athletes has continued to grow, so too has the therapy's benefits

for horses gained respect and recognition.

Body Balancing differs from other forms of massage in that it focuses on the cause of the muscle soreness. This preventive maintenance is a major component in a horse's total care. Used by top trainers and veterinarians coast to coast.

Benefits of Body Balancing

Assisting in balancing the whole body by treating the body as a whole. Stimulates circulation and releases endorphins – the body's natural pain killer. Creates a positive effect on contractual and release process of the muscle. When tension is released, muscles relax and natural body alignment follows.

60% of a horse's body weight is muscle. Muscle soreness can be the result of an injury, cooling down to fast, structural or symmetrical imbalance, over stretching, overuse or misuse. If one set of muscles is tight, like humans, the horse will compensate and tense up other muscle groups. Like us, horses anticipate pain. Their way of going then becomes short and choppy resulting in a horse unhappy and unwilling to be a partner.

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