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Upcoming Dates & Deadlines!

- July 15 & 16—Pickwick stables
- July 22—Willow Wood Show at McDonough
- August 12—Howard County Fair
- August 19 & 20—Goshen Hunt at Taylor Made
- August 26 & 27- Frederick Pony Club
- September 10 - HCHSA Finale at Garrison Forrest School
- September 24 - Medal Finals at Summerhill Farm

A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT....

It's hard to believe that we are coming to the end of our show season. Although I did not attend many of the shows this season, it is apparent that our shows have experienced an increase in participation. This can be seen on both the second day of our two-day shows as well as our one-day shows.

This increased attendance has made parking a problem at a few venues. The biggest complaints occur when the larger show stables arrive and the riders park cars around the rig. This takes up so much space that other trailers have no place to park. The Board of Directors would like to ask that these riders and their parents organize the parking of their cars to minimize the amount of space that they use. When we have these very large one-day shows it is very important that we be considerate of others when parking.

The Board of Directors addressed complaints about a show and some issues with registrations at several shows. I have adjusted results in some divisions and can now release the points. Next year we will begin requiring a board member's signature when registering a horse or filling out membership forms at shows. The signature must be from a Board member who is not connected to the member or horse.

I would like to wish everyone good luck for the rest of the show season and I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Medal Finals.

Dorie

WE WANT YOU.....

We want you to nominate someone for the 2006-2007 HCHSA Senior Board of Directors. Nominees must be senior members and you need to have the permission of the nominee—no surprises!!!

Send names of willing volunteers to Jennifer Mehalko via email or snail mail (see below) by September 10. This is a great opportunity for someone to get involved!

Jlmehalko@aol.com or 3365 Florence Road, Woodbine, MD 21771

Mistakes can be costly to everyone!

**COLLECTED
NOTABLE QUOTES**

Horses change lives...they give our young people confidence and self esteem. They provide peace and tranquility to troubled souls--- they give us hope.

Toni Robinson

Your horse knows when you are happy, he knows when you are comfortable, he knows when you are confident, and he always knows when you have carrots!!

How are we doing?

PONY REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT CARDS

BY DAWN VILENO, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

As stated in the HCHSA Rule Book: If you have registered a pony, you must include a copy of the pony measurement card in order for your points to count. If you don't have a card - have your pony measured at the first show you attend and within 7 days mail a copy to me:

Dawn Vileno
3360 Gold Mine Road,
Brookville, MD 20833

The following is a list of ponies (as of July 2006) that I do not have copies of pony measurement cards on:

Daydream's Cookies and Cream

Just the Two of Us

My Day

Sham's Oh So Petite

Dorie Forte' and I work hard to keep members informed of updated points so some of you that have been riding these ponies have been notified by your Membership Confirmation letter that a copy is required and/or you have received a card stating your points will not count unless a card is on file for your pony. If you have any questions about membership and pony measurement cards, please call me at (240) 606-4841.

KNOW THE RULES!!!!

BY SOPHIE BEDNARIK, JUNIOR BOARD

Now that we've made it through nearly half the season, let's talk about the importance of acknowledging the roots by which the HCHSA is bound...THE RULES! Reading your rule book can be the most important thing that anyone could do before competing. It is a good way to not only decide which division is right for you and your horse, but to make sure that fairness occurs as far as regarding cross-entry restrictions.

For example, if you are showing in Long Stirrup, you are only eligible to show in Children' Pleasure, Children's Hunter, and Low Pony. These

riders may not show in the Medal Class. If you are showing in either Children's Hunter or Junior Hunter, you may not show same rider and same horse in both divisions. If you are showing in Short Stirrup, riders are not eligible for any other division at that show except children's Pleasure Horse and Pony, and Low Pony.

Making sure that you double-check your cross entry restrictions can keep you out of trouble, and future conflict regarding accumulated points. So remember to read your rule book and enjoy the rest of the 2006 season.

THE HCHSA SUGGESTION BOX IS FOR YOU!!!

BY NICOLE SHAW, JUNIOR BOARD

You probably have had something to say about the HCHSA. It may be a compliment, a suggestion, or even a complaint. As some of you may know, the Junior board has had a suggestion box for your convenience at each show, and we will be continuing with this box this year. The suggestion box will be located at the Junior Board sale table, if we are selling at that show or at the entry booth where riders go to register for their divisions. Pencils and paper will be provided for you.

We are open to any ideas that you may have to share...they will then be presented to the Senior HCHSA Board members for consideration. We, the Junior Board members, are in a great position to offer suggestions, but we only represent a small percentage of all of our HCHSA members, and we would like to hear what EVERYONE has to say. Please take a few minutes and write down what you have to say or suggest, so that we can do our best to satisfy everyone. Thank you...and see you at the shows.

OUR JUNIOR BOARD IS GROWING

BY LYNN GORMAN, JUNIOR BOARD CHAIRMAN

The HCHSA Junior Board has been busy and active in raising funds to support the HCHSA JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND, and to buy special award gifts for our BENEFIT HACK FINALISTS at the end of the year. We are also planning for the 3rd ANNUAL MENTORSHIP CLASS FOR LEAD LINE AND MINI-SHORT riders, to be held at the Finale Show. We have been very fortunate to attain new members from the Willow Wood and Pickwick barns, which make our gathering of ideas and organizing our goals a lot more fun, because we get a better representation from all of our members.

This does not mean that we have enough members. We would love to welcome any junior rider over 13 years old to join our very worthwhile group. Your talent and time are well spent, and every dollar we make goes to support the HCHSA. Please let me know if you are interested, and call me at 410-730-1593. The Junior board is off to a great start, and we plan to keep going throughout the season.

THE JUNIOR BOARD'S NOT JUST FOR HORSIN' AROUND

BY CHRISSIE O'DONNELL, JUNIOR BOARD

Members of the Junior Board work hard and have fun at the same time. We meet once a month at different board member's homes to discuss and coordinate ways to raise money for the HCHSA.

Once again, we'll be selling official HCHSA soccer shorts, hoodies, sweat pant and white tees, all in different sizes. To add a little color under our tent, we are also

selling hair ribbons, and fashion flip-flops, that you can wear anywhere except the barn.

Our other goal is to provide only good examples to all of our young riders at all times, and sponsor the Mentorship class at the end of the year at the Finale. We also enjoy helping to organize the Awards Banquet in January and choose prizes for our

Benefit hack finalists.

The Junior Board is a great place to meet new people and begin friendships with riders that we compete against. Since the Junior Board first started four years ago, it has been growing larger with every meeting. If you are interested in helping us reach our goals for the 2006 show season, please consider joining. We always have a great time together!!!!

3RD ANNUAL JUNIOR BOARD MENTORSHIP CLASS

BY MEGAN STEPHENSON, JUNIOR BOARD

This year, the HCHSA Junior Board is continuing the tradition of hosting their 3rd Annual Mentorship Class, to be held at the Garrison Forest Finale on Sunday, September 10th. The Junior Board invites all of our Lead-Liners and Mini- Short Stirrup riders to participate in this fun class.

All riders will be led by a Junior Board member through an obstacle course at the walk. Some of the obstacles include walking over poles, around cones, and halting. The class will be judged along the same lines as Lead-Line and Mini-Short. Each rider will receive a special participation ribbon from a teaching judge, along with a bag of special treats and prizes. The class will be held as the first division of the day, at 8:30am.

The purpose of this class is to allow our Junior Board members to connect and mentor the younger riders, acting as role models for them. The Mentorship class will not count towards division championships or year end awards. THIS CLASS IS FREE TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATE!!!

Look for signs posted at the ring as we get closer to this date, September 10th. We hope to see you there, and good luck, and above all, HAVE FUN this summer!!!!

FLIP-FLOP FRENZY!!!!

Some of our very creative Junior board members are making and selling like crazy, their own creative decorated really cool flip flops...they're selling them at shows for 10 dollars. All proceeds go towards the HCHSA JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND. Look for them!!! And HEY!!! If they don't have your size, they'll get it and make what you like!!!

GOOD GRIEF, CHARLIE BROWN THE DRESS SHEET IS MAKING AN APPEARANCE AT LAST!!!

The Junior board will be selling raffle tickets starting at Pickwick, for a beautiful dress sheet that you can win!!! Tickets will be \$5 each, and \$20 for 5 tickets. The raffle will be on going, during the rest of the show season, and the lucky winner will be announced at the Annual Awards Banquet in January, 2007. Look for a HCHSA Junior board member coming up to you to show you what you could win. By purchasing a ticket, or as many as you like, we'll say, "THANKYOU FOR SUPPORTING THE HCHSA!!!

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*Schedule & Points
May be Viewed at*

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2006 HCHSA SHOW SCHEDULE

April 15 - HCHSA Opener at McDonough
Kim Williams 410/442-2461

April 23 - Caves Farm
Nancy Steveson 410/998-3999

May 6 & 7 - Frederick Pony Club
Rita Anselmo 301/528-6463

May 13 & 14 - Taylormade Stables
Kathy Taylor 301/253-6661

May 20 & 21 - Summerhill
Gretchen Mobberly 410/489-4642

June 3 - Garrison Forrest School
Cindy Bacon 410/559-3450

June 17 & 18 - Pickwick Stables
Jamey Prettyman 410/795-4000

June 24 & 25—Country Hill
Marsha Herbert 410/876-2950

July 8 & 9 - Oatland Stables
Astrid Daley 301/977-5558

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