

Bunner Ridge Riding Association – Newsletter

April/May

President's Message

By Debbie Burnside

Now I think Spring is finally here. Thank goodness we didn't get the 3-6 inches of snow the weather man was predicting for our area. The temp's now are warmer and we're supposed to get some of those April showers that we missed the first of the month.

We have a big riding and activity season coming up. Both of our Youth camps scheduled for June and August are full with a waiting list. Those two camps will make us over \$3,000.

I want to thank Kelly and Carolynn Hamilton, Lynn Hanes, and Sandy Scott (the committee) for all the work they've put into these camps. Great job you gals!!

The Sunday before the June camp, we will be having a "Therapeutic Riding for the Handicapped". We'll need some help that day so check the schedule on our newly designed and easier to navigate web site. If you can be there that day, please come help us out.

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Equine First Aid Kit

By Carolynn Hamilton

Thank you to everyone who donated to our park first aid kit. We now have an awesome kit to be kept in our building at the park, and it's jam packed with first aid equipment.

Now we're working on an equine first aid kit and below I've listed what we need for this one. With this equine first aid kit, we'll be able to treat our equine friends if they get hurt and provide initial care to them before (and if needed) a vet is called.

Betadine Surgical Scrub	Antibiotic Ointment
Betadine Ointment	Sterile Gauze Pads
Lg. Sterile Pads (kotex pads are good)	Elastic Wrap
Bluekote (Blue Wonder Dust)	Twitch
Vet Wrap	Epsom Salts
Hoof Knife	Tranquilizer
Clean Cloths	Rubber Bucket
Electrolytes	Horse Shampoo
Ice Packs	Stethoscope
Clear Eyes	Pulice
Liniment	Saran Kitchen Wrap
Standing Bandages	Peroxide
Iodine	*Easy Boot
*Medicine Boot	An extra Halter
Ace Muscle Relaxant	

The Association already has a beginner kit. The above list is what we **don't** have. If anyone would like to donate any of these items you can bring them to the next meeting or give them to any board member. This Horse 1st Aid Kit will be kept in the storage building at the park at all times for all events.



Murphy's Laws For Horse's and Horse Owners

1. If you do a thorough check of your trailer before hauling, your truck will break down.
2. There is no such thing as a sterile barn cat.
3. No one ever notices how you ride until you fall off.
4. A horse's misbehavior will be in direct proportion to the number of people who are watching.
5. Tack you hate never wears out; blankets you hate cannot be destroyed; horses you hate cannot be sold and will outlive you.
6. Clipper blades will become dull only when the horse is half finished. Clipper motors will quit only when you have the horse's head left to trim.
7. If you're wondering if you left the water on in the barn, you did. If you're wondering if you latched the pasture gate, you didn't.
8. One horse isn't enough; two is too many.
9. If you approach within 50 feet of the barn in your "street clothes," you will get dirty.
10. You can't push a horse on a lunge line.
11. If a horse is advertised "under \$5,000," you can bet he isn't \$2,500.
12. The number of horses you own increases according to the number of stalls in your barn.
13. An uncomplicated horse can be ruined with enough schooling.
14. You can't run a barn without baling twine.
15. Hoof picks migrate.
16. Wind velocity increases in direct proportion to how well your hat fits.
17. There is no such thing as the "right feed."
18. If you fall off, you will land on the site of your most recent injury.
19. The least useful horse in your barn eats to most, requires corrective shoeing every three weeks and requires the services of the vet a minimum of once a month.
20. The horse you really want you can't afford. The horse you can afford isn't for sale.
21. Baling twine multiplies in the dark.
22. No one really learns how to swear until they learn how to ride.
23. Ninety-eight percent of all horse folk consider themselves above average riders.
24. Balance is not hereditary.
25. Dressage tests always seem to be ridden next to a hanglider competition.
26. If there are two paths to choose, you will always choose the wrong one.
27. The effort to keep from falling over a fence always hurts more than falling off.
28. You always think to call the farrier when you're nowhere near a phone.
29. When you want to prove a certain a horse is a complete pig, it will perform flawlessly--and vice versa.
30. If you are shopping for a horse, the only one that meets your requirements will be located at least 7 states distance.
31. If you are selling a horse, it will go severely lame just as the buyer who always pays full price pulls into your driveway.
32. If you are on a carefully planned budget, there will be a severe drought and hay prices will triple.
33. There will be no breeders of your favorite breed within 8 hours driving distance. If you are shopping for Arabians, they will all get "Mad Arabian Disease" and die, but the Percheron population will explode.
34. You pay \$500 dollars for a saddle, try to sell it, but only

get offered \$150.00 because your saddle is black and buyers want tan.

35. If you want a pony, no ponies are available anywhere in this Solar System. If you want a horse, thousands of ponies are listed For Sale.

36. Papers are never delivered as promised because previous owner burned them to annoy his ex.

37. Breed X is all the rage, your horses are breed Y.

38. Gray horses are all the rage, your horses are bay. Your Western Pleasure outfits are green and beige, today's fashions are blue and orange. If you don't look like the outside of a Howard Johnson's, you won't win.

39. The better trained your horse goes, the messier the inside of your house gets.

40. As soon as you get on your horse on a windy day, the horrid children next door will decide to go shooting gophers with their pellet gun right near where you are located.

2005 DAY CAMP

Our very first Day Camp will begin Monday, June 13th at 8:00 am and will run thru the 16th. The camp is full with 10 students. Many thanks to the club volunteers who are donating their time for this event. Mounted Instructor will be Lynn Hanes from Knottsville and Ground Instructor Kelly Hamilton from Colfax. Sandy Scott will be camp councilor and Debby Burnside will be available at all times at the First Aid station and Chuck Fortney will be taking official pictures of the students and staff.

Classes on the care & upkeep of horses will be throughout the week. Jim Henderson, DVM, will be there on Tuesday and our very own Leo Rafail will also be there for some instruction on hoof care.

The week will be full of exciting fun for the students. The first two days each student will need a spotter for safety while mounted. If you have any time to spare, please come out and be a spotter. On the last day (Thursday) the students will go on a mini trail ride. If any member would like to trailer out and join us, you are welcome.

At our last meeting a supply list for the two camps & trail rides was passed around for members to donate. Thanks to all who have already committed. The following is what is left on that list and still need.

1 # Coffee
1 – 6 Pack of Bottled Water
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50 Lg. Styrofoam Plates
50 Lg. Styrofoam Plates
50 Styrofoam Cups
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1 - Lg. Mustard
1- Lg. Catsup
1 – Broom
Lime for toilets
1 Lg. (top of the stove) Coffee Pot
1 Good Used Gas Grill w/bottle for gas
2 Water Hose Holders

If anyone has any of these items and/or would like to donate, please bring to the next meeting or call 363-1594. Thanks.

Gun Raffle

Thanks to the Gun Raffle proceeds insurance for all our summer events has been purchased. Winner was Fred Burnside. He graciously gave the Association back his winnings. THANK YOU FRED! Members sold 459 tickets. THANK YOU CLUB MEMBERS!

"NEW" MEMBERS

Welcome to our "new" members Robin & Chuck Woodford from Snake Hill, Morgantown and Karrie, Taylor & Steve Hardy from Fairmont. We hope to see you on the trail and at our meetings.

Remember, dues are due (almost overdue) and they are \$10 per person. Don't miss out on club activities because you dues aren't paid.

JUNE'S 2-DAY TRAIL RIDE

June's 2-Day Trail Ride is scheduled for June 18 and 19. Campers can come in on Friday night on a first come, first serve basis. \$5.00 per night per person unless you are a member. Then it is **FREE**.

Since we are limited to parking day riders must park at the tennis courts each day across from the Volunteer Fire Department.

Trail Ride fee for Saturday is \$7.00 per person (kids under 18 FREE) and includes covered dish dinner Sat. night and a chance for a door prize. Sunday's ride fee is \$3.00 per person (kids FREE again). \$10.00 per person for the weekend for members and non-members. Extra meal tickets for Saturday night are \$3.00 each.

Country Music will be available Saturday night at the Sagebrush Roundup Country Music Hall at the top of the hill.

If anyone would like to donate a door prize, please let Debbie know at 276-6221.



PARK REPORT

By: Carolynn Hamilton

Spring is here and that means we have to get the park ready for Day Camp & Trail

Rides. We have lots of work to do to get ready but if we all pitch in and help it won't take long. Mark this date:

Saturday, **May 14. 12:00 pm. WORK DAY AT THE PARK. Hot Dogs at 4:00.**

*Buddy Kinty is going to bring his Kobota up and do some ditching for the riding ring. He needs help.

*We have 8 trees down inside the park and they all need cut-up for firewood. We also need to pick up sticks.

* We have several brush piles that need to be burned.

*We have 3 railroad crossties to place & fill in for a bathing station for horses.

* Bert Neswald is going to try to get the water out of the spigots for the bathing station.

*We need volunteers in their pickups/trailers to go to Lynn Hanes's farm to get her round pens for the Day Camp. They must be picked up on Sunday, June 12 and then set up at the park. After camp is over on Thursday, June 16 we again need volunteers to return the pens back to Grafton. **These pens are essential for Day Camp.**

*The last 2 weeks in May we will need all the help we can get cutting the weeds & mowing the grass around the park.

Thanks to:

Carolynn & Bob Hamilton who went to Buckhannon to pick up an old time hay rake wheel that was donated. It's now leaning up against a tree in the park.

Buddy Kinty, Bob & Sandy Scott & Carolynn for getting started on the upper level of the property for more camp sites.

POKER RUN

Our annual Poker Run is slated for July 16th. Rain date is the next day on Sunday, the 17th. Entry fee is \$10/person. Prizes awarded to the top four hands. Ride leaves at 10:00. Extra parking will be in the field across from the Volunteer Fire Dept. Lunch will be provided on the trail. All proceeds go towards the Horse Park. Hope to see you there.



CALENDER OF EVENTS

May 7, 2005 -- Tack Sale at Taylor Co Fair Grounds. 9:30 to 6:00. Visit our booth. Used tack and "horsey" items, baked goods, memberships and 50/50 tickets for sale. Volunteers needed.

May 14, 2005 -- Work Day at the park, 12:00 noon. Hotdogs at 4:00 pm. No frills.

May 20, 2005 -- Covered dish 6:00 at the Horse Park. Reg. Monthly meeting. 7:00.

June 1, 2005 -- Fire season ends. We start burning at 10:00. Bring a lawn chair, a pitchfork and a sack lunch. Drinks provided.

June 2, 2005 -- Burn Day. 10 am. Bring a lawn chair, a pitchfork and a sack lunch. Drinks provided.

June 12, 2005 -- Volunteers go to Grafton for the Round Pens.

June 13 thru 16, 2005 -- Youth Horse Day Camp. 8 am

June 16, 2005 -- Return Round Pen to Grafton.

June 17, 2005 -- Campers coming in for Trail Ride and a short reg. business meeting at the pavilion. 7 pm with campfire.

June 18 & 19, 2005 -- 2 – Day Trail Ride.

July 15, 2005 – Regular monthly meeting at the park. 7:00 with campfire and marshmallows.

July 16, 2005 -- Poker Run Ride 10 am. Rain date is on Sunday, the 17th.

