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M.M.O.H.S.C. MID MICHIGAN OPEN HORSE SHOW CIRCUIT

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2009



A Message from the President

Dear Members,

2009 has arrived and with it has come a continued fear of what's ahead. I have found that the best thing to do to put that fear to rest is to get outside and spend some time with your horse! There is nothing that soothes the stress like grooming a beautiful horse. Just the smell of the barn (for horse lovers!) can make life a little sweeter. Remember, we are now just days away from Spring, and with the Spring also comes a sense of renewal and hope. So until that first golden head of a dandelion pushes up from the soil, just get out there and groom that horse!

Deana Bickel



Grooming your horse is a great way to relieve the stress of the day!



Membership and Number Reminder



Don't forget to send in your membership and back number forms. Membership fees are still at the low price of \$10 for individual or \$20 per family. What a DEAL!

Your back number can be reserved for you and if you would like it laminated, just indicate that on the form and it will be ready for you to pick up at the Teddy Bear

show on April 25!

Can't find your forms? Not to worry! These can be found on our web site www.MMOHSC.com.

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www.MMOHSC.com.

Check it out!



TEAM TOURNAMENT PROMISES A FUN TIME!

Looking for some sporting fun and competition? Look no further than our June 6th Ithaca show! Our 6th annual Team Tournament promises to be a fun filled day!

Your first step is to sign up. You can do this by checking the box on your 2009 Membership Form or you can simply e-mail Deana Bickel at dm_bickel@hotmail.com or call her at (989) 832-3370. Deadline for signup is 8:45am on June 6th. (you don't have to be a member to join in on the fun)

There is a minimal fee of \$6.00 per person and this will cover the tournament fees, your Team T-shirt and high point consideration.

Here's how the tournament works:

There will be five riders per team, and the teams will be mixed with different age divisions, novice and peewee



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riders will be included. Each team will receive a different colored t-shirt. Show in all of your regular classes and collect points your team! Champion and Reserve Champion Teams will be presented with their prizes at the potluck following the show.

Don't delay, make sure to sign up for this Fun Day Team Tournament!



Class Act.....Horse Quiz

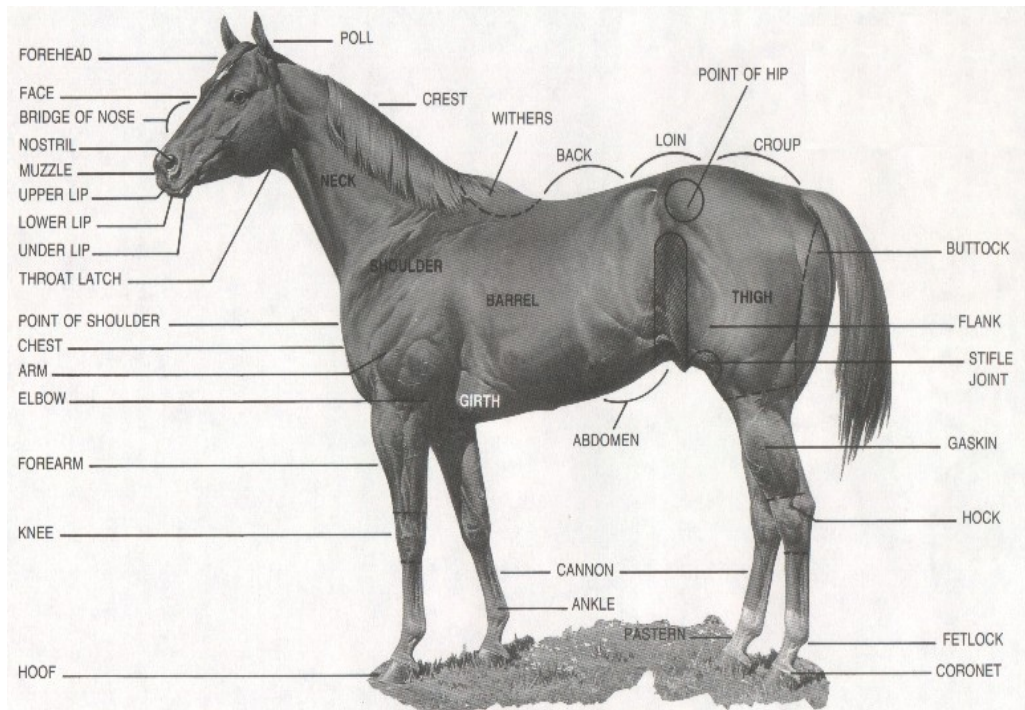
Just for fun.....check you knowledge and choose the horse show class that best matches the description.

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| <p>1. Exhibitors are judged on how well they present their horse before the judge.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Halter Showmanship Lead line Model Class</p> | <p>4. At open circuit schooling shows, English and Western participates perform as a group at the walk and then at their favorite or best gait. The horses are judged on their manners and suitability for recreational riding.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Hunter Hack Road Hack Western Pleasure Country Pleasure</p> |
| <p>2. While they complete over a course, horses are judged on their manners, performance, soundness and jumping style.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Hunters Jumpers Medal Class Three Day Eventing</p> | <p>5. Horses traverse a marked trail within a specific time and are judged on their manners, soundness and suitability. The riders horsemanship skills are also evaluated.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Endurance Riders Ride and Tie Combined Training Competitive Trail Riding</p> |
| <p>3. After performing a pattern that includes sliding stops and spins, the horse must then demonstrate mastery over calf or steer.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Reined Cow Horse Cutting Reining Competitive Trail</p> | <p>Answers: 1-Showmanship, 2-Hunters, 3-Reined Cow Horse, 4-Country Pleasure, 5-Competitive Trail Riding</p> |

As a horse

owner...

it is essential that you are knowledgeable about your horses anatomy. Should an emergency arise, you need to be able to give a detailed description of the correct area on the horse to your vet or professional horseperson. Keep this diagram handy.



Why do I like Horses????

A poem many of us can relate to...



Why do I like Horses? I think I must be mad.

My mother wasn't horsey—And neither was my dad,
But the madness hit me early—and it hit me like a curse,
And I've never gotten better. In fact I've gotten worse.
My stables are immaculate. My house is like a hovel.
Last year for my birthday—I got a brand new shovel.
I hardly read the paper—but I know who's sold their horse.
And I wouldn't watch the news—Unless Mr. Ed was on, of course.
One eye's always on the heavens-but my washing waves in vain
As I rush to get the horses in—in case it's gonna rain.
And though they're wearing 15 rugs, the best that you can get,
I bring them in to keep them dry—while I get soaking wet!
I spend up every cent I've got on horsey stuff for sure
I buy saddles, bridles, fancy rugs—and then I buy some more.
I should have had my hair cut, or bought that nice blue shirt
At least it wouldn't now look ripped to shreds and in the dirt.
I can't make a bloody sponge cake—I don't even try
But I can back a car and trailer in the twinkling of an eye.
It's jeans and R.M. boots that I live in night and day
And that smell of sweaty horses just doesn't wash away.
Once every now and then, I dress up for a ball
Make up and a hairdo with high heel shoes and all.
I ache from long forgotten falls. My knees have got no skin.
My toes have gone a funny shape—from being squashed again.
But late at night, when all is still—and I've gone to give them hay,
I touch their velvet softness and my worries float way.
They give a gentle nicker and they nuzzle through my hair
And I know it's where my heart is—more here than anywhere.

MMOHSC 2009 Show Schedule

April 25th—Ithaca Teddy Bear Show
Contact DeAnn Denton (989) 386-7209

May 23rd & 24th—Midland Fairgrounds
Contact: Johanna Jozwiak (989) 835-8379

June 6th & 7th—Ithaca
June 6th Team Tournament
Contact DeAnn Denton (989) 386-7209

June 27th & 28th—Ithaca
Contact: Karin Shaul (989) 875-4404

July 11 & 12th—Mt Pleasant
Contact: Linda Vogel (989) 832-2074

July 18th & 19th—Midland
Contact: Lori Arthur (989) 832-2074

July 25th & 26th—Gladwin
Contact: Norma Maxwell (989) 435-7687

August 22nd & 23rd—Ithaca
Contact: DeAnn Denton (989) 386-7209

August 29th—Alma
Contact: Wendy Cook (517) 403-1786