



# MMOHSC

MID MICHIGAN OPEN HORSE SHOW CIRCUIT



## Newsletter- September 2009



### A Message from the President

Dear Members,

Oh, how fast our summers fly by! Can you believe the 2009 show season is now a part of history? As soon as one show season ends your board gets very busy planning for the next. There are so many ways you can help with the planning. You can run for a board position (there will be 4 open seats); you can participate in the survey on our website; you can attend the annual meeting at the banquet in November; or you can contact any board member with your suggestions. Remember, this is your circuit and we take every suggestion seriously.



Deana Bickel  
MMOHSC

If you finished in the top six, you will find with this issue your earned points. You may redeem these points for items from the catalog found on the website. We have a very small window within which to order prizes and have them available for the banquet. Please, return your requests or make your request via email before the deadline.

Finally, I would like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who made this season so much fun! It is truly the members that make MMOHSC such a great circuit to show on. Yes, we had some obstacles at a couple shows but as a group we were able to overcome cold showers, electrical problems and even rain and mud to do what we enjoy most, show off our horses! See you at the banquet!

Deana Bickel



### MMOHSC Website

Don't forget to visit the MMOHSC website often! It's a great source for membership and show information. While you are there, take the

membership survey and make sure to vote for your favorite show and give some feedback on any or all of the shows. This is your chance to 'sound off' and share your thoughts and opinions. We invite all comments, concerns and suggestions. We look forward to hearing from YOU!



### MMOHSC NEEDS YOU

If you are interested in running for a board position, please contact Deana Bickel so she can get your name on the Ballot.  
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### Board Members

- President  
Deana Bickel
- Vice President  
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- Secretary:  
Lahren Bickel
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Amy Reinhardt
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DeAnn Denton
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Nancy Squanda

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- Linda Vogel
- Keith Cary
- Leslyn Carroll

- Youth Reps  
Morgan Carey  
Kimberlee Squanda

### Special points of Interest:

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\*\*NEW\*\* Member Profile  
November Annual Meeting

Enclosed: Order form for year end prizes (if qualified)

\*\*\*Must be returned by September 30th\*\*\*

You can always find MMOHSC info on our web site:  
[www.MMOHSC.com](http://www.MMOHSC.com).  
Check it out!



## *Just Horsin' around.....*

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### **The Wonderful World of Horses!!!**

**These quiz questions range from horse breeds to riding styles....Enjoy!!**

1. What breed of horse is born brown, turns lighter with age, and lives in the marshes of France?
  - A. Camargue
  - B. Thoroughbred
  - C. American Mustang
  - D. Genderlander
2. How is an American White different from other horses?
  - A. It rolls more than other horses
  - B. It has pink skin
  - C. It has black and brown spots on it's coat
  - D. It can live longer than any horse on record
3. What happened to the young racehorse Barbaro in the Preakness Stakes of 2006?
  - A. Barbaro threw his jockey
  - B. Barbaro broke his left hind leg
  - C. Barbaro broke his right hind leg
  - D. Barbaro won in record time.
4. What is the third gait called in non-gaited horses?
  - A. Gallop
  - B. Tolt
  - C. Halt
  - D. Canter
5. What is the proper jumping form?
  - A. Sitting tightly into the saddle, easing the reins slightly forward
  - B. Raised out of the saddle, the reins pushed forward slightly
  - C. Sitting tightly in the saddle, jerking the back or to one side while in the air
  - D. Rising out of the saddle, jerking the reins back or to one side while the horse is in the air.
6. What breed originated in America?
  - A. Shetland Pony
  - B. Arab
  - C. Thoroughbred
  - D. Saddlebred
7. What is the style of English riding called where the saddle is flat and 2 sets of reins are used?
  - A. Saddleseat
  - B. Jumping
  - C. Huntseat
  - D. Bareback

How well did YOU do???? CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 3.....



# Bits and Pieces



Kimberlee Squanda (Youth Rep) interviewed a MMOHSC member and lets YOU in on the scoop....get to know other members...up close and personal!! This month she talks with Judy Hanson.....



## Kim's Korner



Judy Hanson and her horse J.J.

Judy Hanson has been around horses all of her life and can't imagine living without them. Her mare, J.J., (I'm Skip 'N Slow Poke) is the one you see in the picture and the one that Judy shows now. Judy proudly told me that J.J. is carrying a foal that is due in April. She is very excited and is looking forward to the birth of her newest family member!

Judy has been riding horses since she was a little girl. She started with jumping, added hunt seat and just recently has been showing western classes. You can even see her riding bareback and trying her hand at the English/Western Riding pattern! When asked what her favorite showing class is, Judy did not hesitate when she said "Showmanship"!

Judy is a teacher in Dewitt, MI. She teaches 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in a special curriculum known as 'looping'. This is where she gets a group of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders for 2 years and then when they move on to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, she gets another batch of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Judy was instrumental in initiating this very successful program into the Dewitt school districts.

Some of Judy's other hobbies besides horses are cooking, reading, bicycling, Ballroom Dancing and traveling. Judy and 6 other family member recently returned from a once in a lifetime trip to Greece.

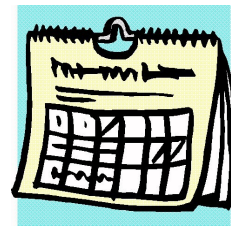
During the school year, Judy coaches the Dewitt Junior High and Senior High Equestrian teams. The High School team had their first District Competition Sept 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>.

Ithaca and Mt Pleasant are Judy's favorite places to show. (Ithaca because it is closest to her home and Mt Pleasant because of the great facilities). Judy said she really enjoys our MMOHSC Team Tournament because it gives her an opportunity to meet many new members. (the shirts are cool too!)

Thank you Judy for taking time to talk with me and share a bit of yourself with our readers! Make sure to let us know in April if it is a 'boy or a girl'!

Kimberlee Squanda

### Put this on your calendar:



Don't forget about our Annual Membership Award Banquet, Friday, November 14th at Ashley High School

There will be lots of great food (BRING A DISH TO PASS), prizes, Voting for new board members and a Silent Auction!!

Come and join us for a great time!

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1. A 2. B 3. C 4. D 5. B 6. D 7. A