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Newsletter – March 2005



“A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT”

Dear Fellow Equestrians

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all of the members who took the time to make it to the February meeting. I think we had a great turn out. I hope that we can have a good turn out at all the meetings. We made some pretty big changes in our club's by-laws.

The membership spoke, voted and was heard.

With the changes that the membership made you as a member will now have a larger say in what happens in your club. I think it is a wonderful thing for a club's members to be able to have more of a say in all of the club's affairs. I see all of our changes as a very positive move towards a fun, small prosperous club moving forward with great possibilities just over the horizon. At the next meeting in March we will be discussing Show Rules and High Point Rules and voting on any changes if need be.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Tom Freeman

As always, please feel free to call me anytime (618)-345-3015 home (314) 267-6134 cell or e-mail TFREE34@AOL.com

Club Meeting ~ February 8, 2005

Dianne Doll has done the necessary research & paperwork necessary to bring the LTR club's "Not for Profit" Incorporation status into good standings. Angie Fleming brought to the members' attention that prior year's financial documents (i.e. ledger, bank statements and receipts) have not been handed over to her and have been misplaced. It was unanimously voted by the members present to do everything we can to acquire past documentation in order to have them for our records in case of a legal audit. The LTR Flag is still in it's designing stage and will be discussed further at the next meeting. By-laws were reviewed and amended. Amended by-laws (with all corrections made in red) will be emailed to members and copies available at the March 8th meeting. High point and show rules will be reviewed at the March 8th meeting.

Cindy Butler volunteered to do a trail class clinic at the March 19th work date at the LTR Arena starting at 12:00 noon. THIS WILL BE A HORSE AND RIDER CLINIC. The LTR Trail Class obstacles will be present at this clinic.

2005 – LTR Pleasure Show Classes

Class Schedules are as follows:

2005 – LTR Speed Game Show Classes

1. Training Poles
2. Adult Poles
3. Youth Poles I
4. Youth Poles II
5. Trot Poles
6. Pee Wee Poles
7. Training Barrels
8. Adult Barrels
9. Youth Barrels I
10. Youth Barrels II
11. Trot Barrels
12. Pee Wee Barrels
13. Adult 2-Barrel Cowhorse
14. Youth 2-Barrel Cowhorse I
15. Youth 2-Barrel Cowhorse II
16. Adult Flags
17. Youth Flags I
18. Youth Flags II
19. Adult Plug Race
20. Youth Plug Race I
21. Youth Plug Race II
22. Novelty
23. Adult Keyhole
24. Youth Keyhole I
25. Youth Keyhole II

1. Weanling/Yearling Halter
2. Stock Type Halter (QH/Paint/App/etc.)
3. Non-Stock Type Halter (Arab/Morgans/TW/etc.)
4. Youth Showmanship I
5. Youth Showmanship II
6. Leadline
7. Open Gaited Country Pleasure
8. Youth Novice Walk/Trot or Favorite Gait (Eng/West)
9. Youth English Walk/Trot Equitation
10. Adult English Walk/Trot
11. Youth Novice Equitation (Eng/West)
12. Youth English Pleasure I
13. Youth English Pleasure II
14. Adult English Pleasure
15. Trail
16. Open Gaited
17. Youth Equitation (Eng/West)
18. Adult Equitation (Eng/West)
19. Jack Benny Country Pleasure (Eng/Wes)
20. Junior Horse Pleasure (Eng/Wes)
21. Open Fox-Trot
22. Youth Western Walk/Jog Equitation
23. Adult Western Walk/Jog
24. Youth Western Pleasure I
25. Youth Western Pleasure II
26. Adult Western Pleasure
27. Novelty

**THE CLUB WILL BE REVIEWING HIGH POINT AND CLASS RULES AT THE MARCH MEETING
~ ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND!**



Horse Fair opens on Friday, 3-9 p.m., when early bird shoppers will have access to vendors' full stock of merchandise plus save money on special Friday-only promotions and admission charge. Friday includes three special sessions by **Chris Cox** (on ground control, rein management and stopping and backing) and others, but will not include Horse Fair's traditional horse presentations, which are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday as in previous years. **Steve Heckaman**, respected Western Pleasure horse trainer, often

called a "trainer's trainer," will share his expertise in Horse Fair's first Western Pleasure Riding Clinic on Saturday and Sunday. **Brent Loseke** is a multiple NRHA Futurity and Derby Finalist and AQHA World Champion. Known throughout the performance horse industry for his ability to start and train young prospects that go on to competitive success in a wide variety of disciplines, he has started and/or sold reining standouts such as Shining Spark, Chic Please and Smart Chic Olena. Loseke will bring his own horses to use in the riding clinic and for a bridleless reining demonstration separate from the clinic. He also will host an informal question-and-answer session with clinic riders and interested spectators. International dressage competitor, coach and judge **Lee Tubman** of Ontario, Canada returns to host the 9th annual Dressage Clinic at Illinois Horse Fair. Trainer of multiple world champions,

Dates to Remember:

- **Mar 4-6th** ~ **Illinois Horse Fair** in Springfield, IL for info: CarrieSchreyer@aol.com (217) 498-8000
- **Mar 8th** ~ **LTR Club Meeting** at St. Clair Bowl – Fairview Heights, IL @ 7:30PM
- **March 12th** ~ **Bobby Elliott Clinic** at MeckFessel's indoor arena Call (618) 667-6000 for more info.
- **Mar 19th** ~ **Work Day** at LTR Arena starting at 10AM -- Call Tom (618) 345-3015 for more info.
- **Mar 19th** ~ **Trail Class Clinic** at LTR Arena starting at 12:00 noon –Call Cindy Butler (618) 345-5601
- **Apr 2nd** ~ **Coggins Clinic** 10AM @ LTR Arena in O'Fallon, IL Call Dianne (618) 644-3655 for more info.

- **Apr 16th ~ Work Day** at LTR Arena starting at 10AM -- Call Tom (618) 345-3015 for more info.
- **Apr 17th ~ Tack Swap/Sale** @ Double K Stables St. Jacob, IL -- Dianne (618) 644-3655 for more info.
- **Apr 30th ~ Game Show** at LTR Arena starting at 5PM -- Call Linda (618) 345-3015 for more info.
- **May 7th ~ Jackpot Show** at LTR Arena starting at 5PM -- Call Linda (618) 345-3015 for more info.

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MEETING IN ORDER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SHOWBILL!**

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2005 ~PAID MEMBERS

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2005 Club Dues were Due January 1, 2005!

A Late Fee of \$5 will be added after the February Meeting!

**** Family ~ \$30 ** Individual ~ \$15 ** New Member add \$5 one time admin fee.**

Please make checks payable to LTR

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NO NEWSLETTER WILL BE EMAILED OR MAILED TO NON-PAID MEMBERS AFTER THE APRIL NEWSLETTER!

Please collect your Farnham Wormer (Rotectin I, Rotectin II, Ivercare and Zimectrin) UPC codes. Cut the UPC codes from the boxes and send them in to Dianne Doll or bring them to the next meeting and the club receives CASH! **This is an EASY FUNDRAISER ~ Trash for Cash. Please DON'T THROW THOSE UPC's away! Send them to:**

Dianne Doll

10115 East Kirsch Road

St. Jacob, IL 62281

Coggins Clinic

When: April 2, 2005 (Saturday)
Time: From 10AM TO 1PM
Place: LTR Arena in O'Fallon, Illinois
Contact: Dianne Doll (618) 644-3655

▪ Coggins (EIA) Test	\$16.00
▪ West Nile Vaccine	\$18.00
▪ West Nile, Eastern-Western Encephalomyelitis & Tetanus	\$27.00
▪ Flu & Rhino	\$18.00
▪ Eastern-Western Encephalomyelitis & Tetanus	\$10.00
▪ Rabies Vaccine	\$13.00

Services performed by the Greenville Veterinary Clinic (618) 664-0640

Crystal Doll will give a clinic on how to check your horse's vital signs during the Coggins Clinic.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 28, 2004

HORSE DIES OF RABIES IN LASALLE COUNTY

State agencies urge Illinoisans throughout the state to be on alert for rabid skunks

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – The Illinois Departments of Public Health, Agriculture and Natural Resources are advising Illinois citizens to beware of skunks that may be carrying the rabies virus.

A horse in LaSalle County tested positive for rabies at the Illinois Department of Agriculture laboratory in Galesburg on Dec. 10. Eleven people received rabies preventative treatment following exposure to the horse.

On Dec. 27, the Department of Public Health (IDPH) received test results from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that identified the virus infecting the horse as a skunk strain of rabies, indicating the horse was probably bitten by a rabid skunk. IDPH is asking local animal control agencies and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to increase skunk surveillance in a three-county area including

La Salle, Lee and DeKalb. This surveillance will be used to determine if the virus is circulating widely in skunks in this area of the state.

"This horse is the first mammal other than a bat to have developed rabies in the state since 1998," said Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director. "We encourage citizens to avoid contact with wild, unfamiliar or stray animals to avoid possible exposure to the rabies virus."

Rabies is an infectious viral disease that affects the nervous system of humans and other mammals. Rabies is most commonly transmitted to people through the bite of a rabid animal. Rabies is almost always a fatal disease once symptoms appear. Prompt rabies treatment after exposures can prevent the development of rabies.

"With proper vaccination, rabies is a preventable disease in the animal population," said Acting State Veterinarian Dr. Colleen O'Keefe. "Therefore, I would recommend that pet owners, especially those in LaSalle, Lee and DeKalb counties, vaccinate their cats and dogs and that farmers and horse owners in the area consider vaccinating their animals."

Any wild animal, like a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote or bat, can have rabies and transmit it to people. Animals with rabies may not be foaming at the mouth or showing aggressive behavior. Changes in the animal's normal behavior, such as difficulty walking or just an overall appearance of illness, can be early signs of rabies. For example, skunks, which normally are nocturnal and avoid contact with people, may appear friendly or aggressive and may approach humans during daylight hours.

Currently, bats are the primary source of rabies in Illinois. Fifty bats have been identified with rabies so far this year, the highest number seen during a single calendar year.

Illinois residents, particularly in this tri-county area, should take the following precautions:

- Vaccinate pets and valuable livestock or horses after consultation with their animal's veterinarian.
- Stay away from wild, unfamiliar or stray animals to avoid bites that may transmit rabies.
- Report sightings of skunks, which are acting abnormally, seen during daylight hours, having trouble walking, being aggressive or approaching humans.
- Contact your physician and local health department if you or someone in your family is bitten by an animal or exposed to a bat.
- Contact your local animal control and veterinarian if you believe your pet may have been bitten by a wild mammal (i.e. skunks, raccoons, fox, coyotes or bats).



March 2005



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Illinois Horse Fair – Springfield. IL	5
6 Il. Horse Fair	7	8 LTR Meeting 7:30pm	9	10	11	12 Bobby Elliott Clinic – MeckFessel’s 9a- 3p
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 LTR Work Day at the Arena 10:00am Trail Class Clinic – Cindy Butler-12p
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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