

# August 2005 Newsletter

## *Jack's Stall August 2005*

I trust that the summer has been going well for all of you and that you are getting in a lot of riding. I wish that I had time to do much more than I have.

This has really been a busy summer for the "club on the move" with special events and work parties.

The "Competitive Trail Competition" came off quite well. For a first time event it was a big success. Sandy Bauer and her committee really pulled it together. Reuss Griffiths and Jim McRitchie did an awesome job with the course and obstacles and Louise Harding dished up some good food. Over 50 people helped with the ride. It is impossible for me to mention everyone. A big *thank you* to everyone who helped make the event a success. My horse "Silly Willie" was the official tester. He says to tell everyone that if he never sees another obstacle again he will not feel the least bit deprived.

The "mini clinic" on Sunday was well received by everyone and I think that just about everyone learned something new in regard to horse behavior and how to work with rather than against their horse. We plan to expand the clinic next year.

The weekend at Mohican was a good time. We had some great riding and lots of good food.

Coming up on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month is a State OHC meeting in Delaware, OH. The majority of the meeting will be devoted to accepting or rejecting the revisions to the bylaws. It promises to be an interesting meeting. Reuss and I both enjoyed the frustrations of working on the bylaws committee. Reworking our local club bylaws was good practice.

Reoccurring illness has forced Neil Shaw to resign as President of the State OHC. Vice-President Rick Patterson will take over for the remainder of the year.

A parting thought. "The Perfect Horseman is quiet on a horse. The calmness which springs from confidence in his own ability extends to the horse and quietens him too. Nothing frightens a horse as much as a frightened rider, and nothing will make a horse more restless and fidgety than a rider who cannot sit still..." Dick Francis, *THE SPORT OF QUEENS*

May you be with your horse. Jack

## **Harry Potter Fest**

*By Reuss Griffiths*

Peninsula Ohio was the host of one of the largest Harry Potter Festivals in the country. The festival was centered around the release of the latest book "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince". Several members of Media OHC were invited to participate in the festival as characters from the books.

Sherry Eucker was cast as Harry Potter riding on a hippogriff (half horse/half eagle) named Halfbeak (Reuss' horse Duster). Jack Weese and Joyce Tretow were "dementors" who rode on unicorns. Jack rode Willy and Patty while Joyce rode Stacy Sadar's horse Solo. Solo was a magnificent Unicorn. See attached pictures.

Harry and the Dementors made many appearances around the town on Friday nite and Saturday. The most fun was meeting the CVNP train coming into town on both days with 300 little witches and wizards. Many of the kids had never been close to a horse before and our guys were very patient and gentle with them as long as the treats kept coming. We supplied "mustang morsels" to anyone who wanted to feed them. The festival ended on Saturday with a "quiddich (?) match at the farm market.

## **August 2005 Trail Maintenance Report**

Last month we completed about 65 percent of the Perkins reroute and this month we completed all but a short section on both ends. The idea was to let the middle section dry out before it was ridden. The Park will officially open the trail the week of August 15 by finishing the ends and closing the lower trail along the creek.

We had nine people turn out for this past weekend including two members new to our work parties, Nancy Bedillion and Linda West. The Burrows very generously provided a nice tailgate lunch afterwards. Bob's homemade zucchini bread was the highlight of the lunch.

Our next work party on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> will be a camping weekend at Robinson field. The foxtrotter club will be joining us and Louise Harting will be providing lunch afterwards. We will begin a long term project to fix the very wet section in the woods between the golf course and Rte 303. We will be "turnpiking" the section through the pinewoods by putting down telephone poles on either side of the trail and filling the middle with stone and trail mix. We anticipate that it will be well into next year before this work is completed.

## **Sandy's Dream Came True**

Thanks to the help of Jim McRitchie of the Cleveland Metro Park Mounted Rangers, and my good friends from Medina OHC, the Buckeye Fox Trotters and the Trail Blazers II of Summit County 4-H, our first Trail Horse Competition held at Howe Meadow was a great success. We learned a lot about what should and shouldn't be done when holding this event. The participants and workers alike said they had a fun filled weekend, and hoped we would hold this event again next year.

There were over twenty participants in Jim McRitchie's Clinic on Sunday, and they learned the basics on how to work as one with their horse.

On top of all this we earned a nice profit for our club's trail fund.

None of this would have been possible without the help and guidance from Tina Romine of Hocking College, and all the other enthusiastic volunteers and participants.

Many thanks to everyone and hope to see all of you next year!

Sandy Bauer

## To Medina OHC,

On behalf of Hocking College, I would like to thank Medina OHC for carrying on a tradition we started in 1990. This event became an increasingly popular one for us, and we hope it will also be for you. We were pleased to be able to contribute our knowledge and assist you in putting this event on, and wish you much success in this and subsequent years.

This obstacle course is designed to test both the skills and limits of horse and rider in a variety of situations. Good luck to all the riders and may you become one with your horse.

Sincerely...Tina Romine

## Judged Trail Ride RESULTS

### YOUTH

	<u>SCORE</u>
Anna Morton	158
Ashley Smith	135

### ADULT

Kelly Johnson	182
Amanda Kibler	170
Maureen Mizerak	165
Mary West	149
Nikki Mayfield	148
Theresa Heger	141
Meredith Glod	140
Bonnie Bennington	134

### SENIORS

Margaret Wolfe	178
Bonnie Gerda	170
Bonnie Twardosky	167
Molly Eastwood	155
Barb Vega	151
Barbara Kafta	147
Linda Monaco	138
Ginny Smiley	137
Linda West	132
Mary Hill	129
Stephany Larson	124
Marcia Fruehauf	115
Barbara Buynak	101

### GRAND PRIZE WINNER

Kelly Johnson	182
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### TIMED OBSTACLE TIME

Molly Eastwood	16 Min.
Theresa Heger	17 Min.
Amanda Kibler	17 Min.
Ginny Smiley	19 Min.
Bonnie Gerda	11 Min.
Linda Monaco	17 Min.
Barbara Kafta	16 Min.
Margaret Wolfe	15 Min.
Bonnie Twardosky	15 Min.
Barbara Buynak	15 Min.
Anna Morton	19 Min.
Ashley Smith	20 Min.
Stephany Larson	14 Min.
Linda West	17 Min.
Kelly Johnson	14 Min.
Mary Hill	18 Min.
Mary West	14 Min.
Marcia Fruehauf	16 Min.
Nikki Mayfield	16 Min.
Bonnie Bennington	20 Min.
Meredith Glod	16 Min.
Barb Vega	17 Min.
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