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NEW MEMBERS

A special welcome to Mizan Arabians, Valley Arabians and Island Farm Arabians (all certified stables); Soderberg Arabians (sustaining member); and Ark Agency, Rodney Tracy (Tyk Arabians), Chuck Morken, Patricia Wier (Horsemen's Saddlery) and Candice Heino.

RESIGNATIONS

Dick and Nancy Duggan are submitting their resignations as directors of the MHC. Dick and Nancy are well known to many of you for their many hours of invaluable assistance in getting Expo started in its first three years of operation. Many, many thanks to the Duggans. We will miss you.

TAXES I

C. A. ("Gus") Johnson, an attorney from Mankato (and an Arabian breeder), and Doug Coy (Decoy Quarter Horses) have formed a legislative committee for the MHC to address the problem of the Minnesota Farm Loss Modification statute. Basically, the law is as follows: Sometime prior to 1983, MN legislators enacted a law to discourage tax-dodging by wealthy investors looking for a tax write-off of farm losses against their nonfarm income. The law was intended to help full-time farmers. The law included "caring for, training and management of 'livestock.'" In 1983, with the introduction of horse racing on the MN scene, the legislature saw fit again to include race horses; in 1984, they changed it again to include all horses. They provided further that the 1984 amendment relating to horses was effective for tax years beginning after 1982, and that it was designed to confirm their intent that the word "livestock" has always included horses. Briefly stated, the legislature is forcing horse investors to personally absorb their losses without the advantage of a tax offset, whereas any other businessman is allowed to write off his losses against his income. If a breeder earns \$30,000 or less in nonfarm income, the law allows him to offset farm losses or expenses against his income. Between \$30,000 and \$40,000 in nonfarm income, only a portion is allowed. But if you earn more than \$40,000, you cannot claim any farm losses. Gus Johnson states that Minnesota seems to be the only state that doesn't allow part-time horse breeders to deduct losses. The MHC believes that horse breeding is an industry very different from farming and should not be considered a competitor of the family farm. The MHC has opened a legislative checking account specifically to cover legislative issues. Donations are now being solicited to pay for a lobbying effort. Everyone--individuals, organizations, supporting industry--are being asked to financially help support our effort to change this tax law. If each member of your particular organization chips in a few dollars, it will go a long way. Many organizations have already expressed interest. If you are not yet sure, ask those breeders who have recently and unexpectedly received MN income tax statements (some in the 4 and 5 figure range) and especially those who have received two of them! Be forewarned. You may be next--and it will affect us all! We need your support!

TAXES II

The MN Thoroughbred Association has been working on the above tax issue for some weeks now and have drafted a bill to submit to the legislature in January. The MHC is meeting with the MTA to see whether their bill can be supported by the MHC. We also want to be sure the legislators realize that the estimated \$600,000,000 horse industry in Minnesota is, today, almost totally non-racing. We will keep you informed.

PROCLAMATION

The MHC, at the request of members of the MN industry, have undertaken legislative action to address the farm loss modification tax bill as it pertains to horses. The MHC Tax Committee welcomes input and help from all members of the industry. In order for the MHC to perform properly and in the best interest of the industry, we encourage everyone to join the MHC so that you can participate in this critical legislative activity. The current members of the MHC Board feel that a revision of this law is a priority item for all MN horse-industry people, and we intend to pursue it for the benefit of the whole horse industry.--Dale Froyum, President

EXPO '85

. . . is scheduled for April 13-14 in the lower level of the Minneapolis Auditorium. The theme will be "Horses: A Family Affair," with the emphasis being on the family-owned horse and its fun-related activities. The Expo Committee is entering a whole new concept with Expo '85 by having contracted with Trade Shows, Inc., a professional promoter (known for producing the Home & Garden Show and a number of other events), to handle the bulk of the general tasks involved with this type of event. The Committee would like to remind you of the effectiveness of getting your organization, club, stable, horses and/or products out in front for public viewing. The results of exhibiting in the Minnesota Horse Exposition are well worth the effort and cost. Note: Trade Shows, Inc. will be handling all basic work: promotions, advertising, contracts, etc. for our 1985 event. All inquiries should be directed to them at 15235 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka 55345 (612/933-3850). All questions directly related to the horses, speakers, films, style shows, etc., however, will be referred back to the Expo Committee for handling.

SCOTT COUNTY

Due to a problem with proposed land use ordinances in Scott County, horsemen there have formed the Scott County Horse Association, Inc. (22000 Vernon Ave., Lakeville 55044; 612/447-5650 or 492-2031) to provide input towards compliance with the health, welfare and safety of Scott County for horses, horse barns and horse owners, and to promote good will. (The organization will also have a "horse patrol" at the disposal of local law enforcement officials come November.) The club now has ballooned to 80 members and is actively involved in trying to secure fair ordinances for horses in that county. On 10/27/84, SCHA set up a tour of several equine facilities within Scott County for County and municipal officials, followed by a special presentation at the Prior Lake City Hall, to show that the proposed standards are ineffective and unnecessary. Invitations were sent to Scott County Commissioners and Scott County municipal officials. All acknowledged receipt of the invitation and many promised to come. A handful municipal officials did come, but none from the County. Prior Lake is proposing a one horse/acre ordinance; Scott County wants one horse/two acres. SCHA asserts that these restrictions are ineffective. Their tour proved to those taking part that a number of horses can be (and are being) properly cared for on less than those limits; that an arbitral "two acre" limitation does not guarantee that that land is totally useable by the horse (i.e. it could be swamp or heavy woods). Additionally, SCHA is concerned that Scott County officials are drafting these ordinances without knowledgeable information on the subject and,

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* If you are unsure of these answers, please write the Minnesota Horse Council and the information will be forwarded to you.

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* Subject to change after November 6 elections.

additionally, are not making the proposed ordinances available for review by the public. Finally, it was revealed at the meeting that two or three horse breeding operations (60 to 200 horses) will be locating in other counties because of the problems expected with the proposed ordinance.

CENSHARE

. . . is the Center to Study Human-Animal Relationships and Environment (to improve the human/animal bond) at the University of Minnesota. MHC Directors Dale Froyum, Vickie Inget and Dean Peterson, DVM (along with former President Wes Schroeder, DVM) are working with this program to draft a model ordinance for the stabling of horses in an urban setting (for anywhere in Minnesota or even the USA), but more particularly for the present carriage operations now running in downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul. Also on the committee are reps from the MN and Hennepin County Humane Societies, Dr. R. K. Anderson (Censhare), a representative of the Bloomington Police Dept. (who was on their mounted patrol before being disbanded), Ann Leck (a noted local carriage driver and owner) and a representative or two from the City of Mpls. The model ordinance will be completed in the next couple of months or so.

CERTIFIED STABLES

Two more stables have joined our list of certified stables: Island Farm Arabians (owned by Suzette and Gus Johnson) of Lake Crystal, and Valley Arabians (an 18-stall boarding facility owned by Barb Ringgenberg) of North Mankato. Please note that any facility (public or private) that--voluntarily--wishes to be examined by the MHC committee should contact Joan Schultz (evenings) (612/920-9473). The dues are \$35/first year (with barn sign), and \$25/subsequent years. Membership includes all benefits of the MHC membership and use of the MHC logo in your advertising. Inspection of a number of facilities have upgraded the quality and safety of those stables by simple improvements pointed out upon inspection. Those standards are being noticed and appreciated by stable customers. Another seminar is now in the works. We will send notices to each CS member as it is firmed up. Note too that SCHA (see SCOTT COUNTY above) is hoping to include the MHC certification as a minimum standard for all public stables in that area.

ANNUAL EVENT

The 1984 annual meeting of MHC members will be held November 17 at the Shrine Horsemen's Clubhouse in Chaska. All members are invited to attend. Activities will include election of (7) directors and 1975 officers; presentation of the 1984 MHC Horseman of the Year award; a supper buffet; and a roundtable discussion on the Minnesota Farm Loss Modification tax matter. Important: Please RSVP to Alice Macnamara before 11/14. More information in separate mailing to members.

STATE HORSE COUNCILS

The American Horse Council has authorized the establishment of a new State Horse Council Advisory Committee to advise the AHC how best to assist state and local horsemen in dealing with critical issues which do not involve national interests or the federal government. Verne Greenlee of the MHC will be our representative to the AHC regarding this new AHC committee.

DUES

Although the dues for 1985 are not due until January 1, 1985, why don't you take a few minutes out and send them in now. Remember, if paid before February 15, 1985, you get a 10% discount on your 1985 Expo contract.

E/C RIDES I

The June MHC-sponsored Equine Research Ride in Pilliger produced another \$500 for this fund. The monies are accumulated in savings until that committee decides when and where to contribute funds. The August ride at Jordan was also a success, as was the October ride in Rockford which

was for the split benefit of Camp Courage and the MHC. An impromptu Ride & Tie event gave a little bit of extra fun to the weekend with four "units" competing over a three mile stretch in 18 minutes. Inasmuch as this event was not planned, no one had trained for it but the horses were still hard pressed to keep up with the runners. This year the MHC offered its first annual "Triple Crown" (Pilliger, Jordan, Rockford) award to the top horse in the endurance and competitive classes. Ms. Jody Rehling (14), Byron, MN, won the endurance class riding "Zeb", a 7-year-old Arabian gelding. Ms. Patty Carlson (16) of Bloomington, riding "Abu Kristina," riding a 9-year-old Arabian mare, won the competitive section. Each received lettered horse blankets from the ride committee, and also a \$100 bill from former MHC director Ruby Bartlett (now in Montana) who obviously still has fond memories of these events of which she was so instrumental in promoting while living in MN. They were thrilled, Ruby!

E/C RIDES II

Our October 1983 E/C ride was put on for a split of receipts going to the Camp Courage and the Hennepin County Park Reserve District (horse programs). Out of those funds, we recently sent the District a check for \$250 to help pay for arm patches for their mounted park patrol volunteers. Again, many thanks to each and every one of you for helping us with our events. Many thanks too to the MN DNR for their help with our Jordan ride. We really do appreciate all of you.

TRAILS

The Minnesota Trail Riders had their fall ride at Maplewood State Park on October 13-14 weekend which pulled in 71 trail riders. That group, concerned with installation and maintenance of horseback trails in Minnesota--and also in enjoying them by frequent trail rides--is growing. The MHC has a representative on their board of directors and will continue to work them on trail efforts.

HELMETS

The American Horse Council has notified the MHC that they are now supporting the National Safety Council on the use of safety helmets for all types of horseback riding. All stables are to be warned that they may find themselves liable if no hard hats are made available to their riders; that the AHC will no longer support any type of activity that does not provide participants with hard hats.

TAX SHELTERS

(AHC Tax Bulletin, 10/84). A provision in the 1984 Tax Act requires a tax shelter organizer to register any tax shelters which are sold after 9/1/84. Failure to register can result in the imposition of a penalty of up to \$10,000 for each shelter not registered. Also required is the obtaining of a tax shelter number from the IRS.

RACING I

The Minnesota Racing Commission voted 5-3 to approve the \$90 million tax exempt, low-interest industrial revenue bond issues sought by Minnesota Racetrack, Inc. The bonds will be issued at a cost of 9.5% interest to the Shakopee facility. According to Bruce Malkerson, project coordinator (Horse Country, 9/84), the construction is a little ahead of schedule and will be completed by the scheduled June 29, 1985 date.

RACING II

It appears that the Univ. of MN will be the race testing facility for Minnesota horse racing. John Farrell states that the Legislature is favorably inclined to appropriate the necessary funds for the UofM to set up a laboratory for the testing in time for the track opening. Additionally, at least three area Vo-Tech schools are planning race track industry curriculums patterned after the Univ. of Arizona (Tucson) program. (MN Hunter & Jumper Assoc. Newsletter 7-8/84)

RACE TRACK EMPLOYMENT

Anyone wishing to work at the Racetrack next year must first obtain a Class C license from the Minnesota Racing Commission. This includes owners, agents, trainers, agents, jockeys, exercise riders or pony riders. Your background will be thoroughly checked. Information can be obtained from the Minnesota Racing Commission (312 Central Avenue, Minneapolis 55414: 612/341-7555).

POTOMAC FEVER

(NATRC, Fall 1984). Recent research findings by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories has given evidence that a rickettsial erlichia sennetsu-like agent may be involved in this disease. Several horses, all of which had clinical signs of Potomac Fever, developed antibodies to this agent. The efficacy of the antibiotic tetracycline in preventing this infection is being studied. Potomac Fever, first identified in 1979 in Maryland, is a diarrheal disorder which has about a 30% fatality rate. Although the disorder may be more widespread (than in Maryland and Virginia along the Potomac), there is no evidence to date that people are affected. Note that the Arabian Horse Registry has given \$10,000 to the Morris Animal Foundation for study of this disease.

ZEBRA

Remember our earlier article about an implantation of a zebra embryo in a Kentucky Quarter Horse? Well, it foaled--and it has stripes! This was the first known embryo transfer between wild and domestic members of the horse family and is a promising technique for saving endangered species. (International Wildlife, Sept/Oct 1984)

TID-BITS

Skyway News (8/28/84) reports a retirement home for dray horses in existence in Methuen, Mass. Another article in this newspaper (8/24/84) states that the worst horse to run in the Kentucky Derby was a "tired" animal named Senecas Coin who, in 1949, slowed to a walk a quarter mile before the finish line and got to the paddock half an hour after a horse called Ponder won the race.

JOHN HENRY AGAIN

(St. Paul Dispatch, 8/27/84). This gelding is the all-time leading money winner who crashed the \$5 million barrier at the Budweiser-Arlington Million. This race earned him \$600,000 to boost his lifetime earnings to \$5.4 million (\$1.4 million of which he amassed in the Arlington Million races).

DRUGS

(Practical Horseman, 2/84). The new injectable wormer ivermectin, reported effective against larval forms of parasites that conventional wormers acting primarily in the horse's stomach can't reach, is harvesting a bigger kill than many experts anticipated. Widespread reaction to the new wormer indicates that many more horses than previously suspected are infested with the parasite onchocerca. Although this parasite can cause dermatitis, hair loss and itching, it has never been high on the list of hazards to horse health because infestations weren't thought to be widespread. But the swelling that many horses develop along the midline of chest and abdomen after a first treatment with the drug is believed to result from the accumulation of dead onchocerca microfilariae. The swelling, which disappears in 24 to 72 hours, is not a cause for concern.

MINIATURE HORSES

(MidWest Equine Market & Horseman's Guide, 8/84). This "little" horses weigh only 100-150 lbs. but can pull four to five times their own weight. A single mini can handle a cart carrying one or two adults, and a team can pull even more. They are broken to harness at two, "but there is no need to put them through extended ground work with biting rigs as is done with larger horses." Actually, a mini is strong enough to bear

a smaller child's weight, but the horse's miniscule size means a rider's legs would be dragging. They can be driven singly as well as in 2, 4 or 6-horse hitches. Stallions and mares are commonly worked together with no problems. A new trend that is gaining in popularity is mini-harness racing. The minis are trotters although a strain of pacers will probably be bred eventually. It is preferred that racing minis be slightly larger than the norm, since increased leg length gives more reach and speed. But they aren't cheap: stud colts start at \$1,500 and fillies at \$2,500. In breeding, the rate of settled mares is about 60%. And "unlikely as it may seem, [unplanned] love affairs have been consummated between mini stallions and 16-hand mares."

BUTE

(North Carolina Horse Council Newsletter, 7/84). Phenylbutazone, according to Dr. M. B. Teigland, past AAEP president, has been found to have numerous positive qualities in the reduction of inflammation and fever, but also noted the drug has been found to produce toxic effects when administered in large doses or over a prolonged period of time.

TETANUS

Don't forget this in your inoculation program; horse feces contain tetanus spores and horses are the most susceptible species to this disease! And keep your own shots up to date. A simple break in the skin from the barnyard could infect you too.

FATTY ACIDS

A recent Farnum newsletter reports that fatty acids not only keep horses' coats glossy and skin healthy, but also play an important role in wound healing--and they can be absorbed through the skin. Thus they have produced a product (Quik-Heal) which is applied directly to a wound for immediate utilization to repair damaged tissues.

IOWA

Horse Country, 9/84, reports that Iowa would be breaking ground for their first pari-mutuel track (560 acres) near Bondurant, IA. The architect is the same one who designed the Shakopee track. The Central Iowa Racing Assoc. facility will hold a split season (between 3/1 and 5/1 and 8/15 and 11/15) for TB racing. The track will not open until spring of 1986, however, a short Standardbred season may be held next year. The facility will seat 9,000 with standing room for another 4,000. The developer has expressed a desire for a hook-up with the Shakopee facility.

QUEEN

Congratulations to Teri Jo Simon of Cannon Falls who was crowned the 1984-85 Queen of the American Paint Horse Association at their National Show and Sale. (Horse Country, 9/84)

RACING

The MN Thoroughbred Association has increased its membership from 225 in 1983 to 400 in 1984, and has registered 229 foals born in Minnesota compared to 43 registered in 1983. Yeah, racing! (Horse Country, 9/84)

MHC PHONE

The phone number for the MHC is 612/457-5948. A home recording telephone answering system will soon be installed at that number is case no one is there. We will try and get back to you as soon as possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/17 MHC Annual Event, Chaska (see above)
12/11 MHC meeting, Medina Ballroom, 7:30 p.m.

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- () Organizational membership (\$25 annually)
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SEMINAR

On December 10th (2:00 p.m., McGuires Inn, St. Paul), the MN Thoroughbred Association and the UofM are sponsoring a seminar on the diagnosis and treatment of race and performance horses which have leg, back and breathing problems. Speakers will include Leo B. Jeffcott, Prof. of Equine Clinical Studies, Univ. of Melbourne, Australia (formerly with Newmarket Centre of Equine Research and editor of the Equine Veterinary Journal); Brian Hilbert, UofM Veterinary College & Director of Veterinary Teaching Hospital; and Victor Meyers, DVM. Cost is \$40. Contact: Adult Continuing Education, Red Wing AVTI (612/388-8271) or the MTA, Box 507, So. St. Paul 55075 (612/455-6830).

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