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#### NEW MEMBERS:

We welcome the following new members: Mid-Meadow, Inc., Windy Ridge Ranch, Tri Oaks Stables (as certified stables); Liberty Farm, Pegasus Properties, Inc. and Big Grand Horse Motel (as prospective certified stables); Susan S. Hanenburg, Robert Matthews, Marcia Ukura, Winona Zimmerman, Linda Motschenbacher, Wild River Stables, Promise Hill Farm (Wheelock Whitney), Becky Johnson-Rabbett, Canterbury Downs, Dickey Natural Systems, Inc., Hans Bramstedt, Judi Pavlis, Evelyn L. Eller and the Scott County Horse Association, Inc.

#### NEW DIRECTORS:

We've lost two directors since the last Quarterly. Barbara Soukup (who moved to Illinois) and Sharon Schroeder. We will miss these two hard working individuals. In their places, however, we now have Mary Block and Annette Potter (see next paragraph). Note: we may need other "new" directors for 1987. Is there anyone out there who would be willing to become involved with a great group of horsemen and promoting our state's horse industry? There is a lot of work but it is also fun and interesting. Please contact us if you are interested!

#### HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR

We need nominations for our 1986 Horseman of the Year award. Names can be submitted by anyone, of anyone (male or female) who has contributed to the MN horse industry and deserves recognition. The only exception is that the nominees cannot be presently active on the MHC Board of Directors. Please help us honor some deserving individual this year by sending your letter (with some background information) to the MHC, Nominations Committee, before October 1.

#### SCHOLARSHIP:

The MHC now offers a \$200 educational scholarship to individuals interested in pursuing a course of study involving horses. All applications are due by October 31 of each year. Contact: MHC/Scholarship, Box 75481, St. Paul, MN 55175.

#### BACKGROUND ON DIRECTORS:

(1) Gus Johnson is a practicing attorney in Mankato and raises Arabian horses (Island Farm) with his daughter, Suzette. Gus has been very instrumental in the MHC legislative area. (2) Kathy Juhl is a riding instructor at Hennepin County Vo-Tech Stables and was our 1985 Expo President. (3) Charles Macnamara is a manufacturer's representative and is the 1986 Expo President. (4) Vickie Inget works for large St. Paul law firm as a word processing coordinator (with some paralegal activities) and publishes The MN Horsemen's Directory. (5) John is self-employed and is extensively involved with collecting, restoring and showing of buggies and carriages. (6) Mary Block (John's wife) has shown and bred Arabians since 1974; has acted as newsletter editor for the Half-Arabian Horse Association and is presently extensively involved with the St. Croix Horse and Carriage. John and Mary also co-chair the equestrian sections of the St. Paul Winter Carnival. (7) John Hay is president of a Minnetonka corporation and past president of MAHA. (8) Trina Joyce is a handicap riding instructor and is working for her masters degree in social work. (9) Bob Kuefner, an airline pilot, owns and operates an Arabian breeding farm (Fox Hill Farm), is nominations chairman for the Arabian Jockey Club, and is active with our legislative efforts. (10) Vicky Linden is a stable owner/operator (Rolling Ridge Farm) and riding instructor. (11) Alice Macnamara is a housewife and owns a Paso Fino. (12) Margaret Streadwick is a Saddlebred horse farm owner. (13) Bruce Viren is an equine veterinarian. (14) Mark Ward is a stable operator/owner (Windy Ridge

Ranch) and riding instructor. And (15), Annette Potter, our newest director, is an insurance agent with Northstar Equine Insurance Company.

BOARD MEETINGS:

The last few MHC Board meetings have been held at the Hennepin County Vo-Tech Stable facilities in Eden Prairie to better accommodate a few of our directors. Our next scheduled meeting is not until September. Please watch for our August newsletter to confirm where our fall meetings will be held.

CERTIFIED STABLES:

Seven people are now ready to contact stables regarding certifications. There are quite a number of reinspections due this year, and a few new ones. We are planning to have all of them done by early fall. Each such stable will be contacted ahead of time by phone. Note an added benefit: the MHC has approved a \$200 award to anyone who gives information leading to the arrest and conviction of another for the theft of a horse from that CS stable. (Stickers will be made up for each CS stable.)

MHC RADIO:

The winter issue of our newsletter gave information on the newly-established "Hoofbeats" radio program co-sponsored by the MHC and the Horse Exposition. Please note a change in time to 8:00 a.m. (Saturday mornings on WMIN radio, 1030 AM). Public announcements of equestrian activities on this half-hour program are free. Advertising rates are very affordable. Call Jeanne Granberg (612/473-0546) or Mark Ward (612/436-6557) for more information.

EXPO:

\* Everyone seems relatively pleased with this year's event. The total figures aren't in yet, but we can tell you the following. Attendance at Expo was perhaps down by 8-9% from 1985, partly due, we think, to the open house at Canterbury Downs and the Quarter Horse Show. There were about 250 people at the Saturday evening party (which was co-sponsored by Pfizer, Inc., Lester's Building Systems, and Hoechst-Roussel). Many thanks to these three corporations for their financial assistance in creating a very enjoyable part of our 1986 MN Horse Expo! The MN Equestrian Center grossed about \$1,400 on the sweatshirts and T-shirts they sold at Expo.

\* The Expo Board wishes to express its deep appreciation to all volunteers who helped with our event, especially the GNC Riders and the Windy Ridge Riders who did a magnificent job in putting up and taking down the stalls and arena. If this help was not forthcoming, the cost to both exhibitors and spectators would be significantly higher. Many, many thanks to all of you!

\* Our new directors for Expo 1987 are Mark Ward (Pres.), Alice Macnamara (Vice Pres.), Vickie Linden (Sec.-Tres.), and John and Mary Block. Of course, as before, prior Expo directors will help the new board throughout the year.

\* Expo 1987 will be held on the main convention floor (150,000 sq. ft.) of the Mpls. Auditorium on April 10-11. We will perhaps be one of the last "shows" to be held in the building in 1987 as it is scheduled for either renovation or entire reconstruction. What we will do in 1988 and '89 has not yet been determined.

\* The National Reining Horse Assoc. (a May event) has requested that we consider combining events at the State Fair Grounds. A survey was made of the exhibitors at Expo '86. We will report on this further in our August issue of the Quarterly.

DUES:

Too many dues for 1986 have not been paid. Please, please! Check your mailing label on this issue. If there is a line of information after your address, you are a due-paying member or the official representative for a dues-paying organization. If that line shows "1/86," your dues are overdue. The following letters show the type of membership: CS (certified stables); I (individual); SM (sustaining member); OR (organization); C (corporate); and the final figure is the amount of your dues. Please help us with your continued financial support.

MEC:

Ed Anderson reports that the colored architectural conception of the proposed MN Equestrian Center, displayed at Expo, was well received by the public. But keep in mind that it was just a very preliminary conception. The MEC committee is now in the process of putting together cost figures (construction and operational) for review of the board. The big question, is course, is can we do it? At this time, added funds will be needed just to keep our committee operational. MEC would welcome any and all donations. If you missed picking a sweatshirt or T-shirt at Expo, please call Calamity Jeanne's Saddle Shop (612/473-0546). They come in small through extra large sizes (white only with full color MEC emblem).

RACING:

\* Little Falls, Coleraine and Pequot Lakes are cities that are presently interested in developing a second parimutuel race track in MN. Coleraine is looking at a totally enclosed, year-round track on 960 acres on the northern Iron Range of MN.

\* Quarter Horse racing will have two \$25,000 races come September: The Canterbury Derby and the Great Lakes Futurity. (QH racing: 9/3-14 at Canterbury Downs).

\* Canterbury Downs expected 200 nominations for the St. Paul Derby (6/29) but received 312. (Mpls. Star & Tribune, 2/26) This race has \$300,000 guaranteed.

\* The Shakopee track has expanded their grandstand capacity by 1,800 seats in its second year, and added 250 additional stalls plus a new color-TV matrix board.

\* Canterbury Downs tried to get the State of MN to kick in 40% of its expected share of the parimutuel tax revenue in order to sustain or boost purses--but the legislature said no. The argument for this change was that higher purses would attract better horses, more people, and therefore greater long-term tax revenue.

\* The MN racing Commission approved an extra day of harness racing this fall (Veteran's Day, November 11).

CENSUS:

Michigan conducted an equine census in 1984-85. The total number of horses in Michigan totalled 160,000; the total value of all equine, \$410,000,000; the total spent on equine yearly, \$200,420,000. Note too that 52.2% of horses are used for pleasure, including trail riding; 17.8% for showing (including 4H and rodeo); 15.6% for breeding; 7.5% for harness racing; 3.4% for flat racing; and 3.4% for work. (Michigan Horse Council, 3/86)

MORE STATS:

The 1985 World Championship Quarter Horse Show in Oklahoma City had over 2,000 entries competing for \$460,000. And the U.S. horse industry produces more publications than any other special interest field in the nation. (Horse Bits, Cooperative Extension Service, Univ. of New Hampshire, 2/86)

CHINA:

A tour is scheduled of China's horse industry in May and June 1986. Contact Travel Reps, Inc., 2124 Main Street, Suite 170, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 (714/960-2300).

EQUESTRIAN CENTERS:

The Virginia Horse Center received additional funding of one million dollars by the 1986 Virginia General Assembly. The Center is built near Lexington, VA, and is being built with a mixture of public and private funding. (Virginia Horse Council News, 4/86)

DNR:

Don Carlson (Assistant Administrator, Trails & Waterways) of the MN Dept. of Natural Resources has retired. Don has been very helpful to the MHC and MN Trail Riders Association when information and assistance was needed regarding horse trails in Minnesota. Many thanks Don! (His replacement is Paul Swenson.)

#### RARITIES:

The American Minor Breeds Conservancy (Box 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312) is a small, non-profit group whose sole purpose is the preservation of domesticated breeds of livestock, including horses, sheep, cows, pigs, donkeys, mules and goats. In a recent press release the group warned that over 80 breeds of North American farm livestock are endangered and face extinction if current trends continue. Classifications of horses include the following: RARE (less than 200 registrations per year): Canadienne, Shire, Cleveland Bay, Lipizzan, Przewalski, Exmoore, Tarpan. MINOR (less than 1000 registrations per year): Clydesdale, Suffolk Punch, Gotland, Bashkir Curley. FERAL (known to have been running wild for at least 100 years with no known introduction of outside blood): Wild Mustang, Barb, Chickasaw, Indian, Indian Cayuse, Spanish Mustang. WATCH (registrations over a 25-year period showing a steady decline or where registrations are less than 5000 per year): Connemara, Belgian, Percheron, Hackney, American Dream. Added note: There are less than 2,500 productive, purebred English-registered Shires alive in the world today. Less than 200 of them are stallions--and "they are barely holding their own." (Shire Horse Chronicle, 1/86)

#### MORGANS:

Linda MacAloon of Edina took her five-year-old Morgan mare (Paramount Ultimate) to the Grand National Morgan Horse Show in Oklahoma City last October and won every class she entered: Ladies English Pleasure Mares, Amateur English Pleasure Mares (Grand National Champion); Ladies English Pleasure Horse (mares and geldings); (World Champion) Amateur English Pleasure Horse (stallions, mares and geldings). Congratulations Linda! (Horse Scope, 3/86)

#### TICKS:

(Mpls. Star & Tribune, 5/16/85) Tick-borne Lyme disease struck at least 94 Minnesotans in 1985. This is double the number reported in 1983. The illness, caused by a corkscrew-shaped bacterium, results in long-term arthritis for some people; others are ill for several days. Most cases occur in May through August. This is an unusually small tick, not much bigger than a pinhead and can be mistaken for a mite. Early signs include a red or pink rash which usually spreads. It may be accompanied by headaches, a stiff neck, fever and fatigue, Arthritis, and sometimes heart damage and brain inflammation can occur several days to several weeks later. When detected early enough, antibiotics can usually knock out the bacteria in time at least to limit the severity of arthritis and prevent other complications. The U.S. Agriculture Dept. has announced that tests show that tick repellents containing permethrin or deet are the best to use. While cases have been scattered, the illness has most often occurred in eastern and central portions of the state.

#### INSURANCE:

The AHC reports that "liability coverage for horse owners is increasingly difficult today: (1) Because of the nature of these pursuits, there are few reliable statistics on the number of ventures, the volume of business they do or the number of injury claims. The lack of claim history for this line of specialty insurance makes it unattractive to insurers. (2) Horseback riding is perceived to be a hazardous pastime. Many stables report no claims but have still seen their premiums increased by rates of 100 to 1000%. Studies of horse sports reveal organized horse events to be very safe. But experienced riders in organized shows may not be reflective of the degree of risk associated with less experienced riders at rental stables, resorts or pack trips, and underwriters have been unwilling to gamble in this area. (3) Premium increases for 1986 of \$5,000 - \$10,000 and higher have been reported and most stables and outfitters cannot pass on those large increases to customers. As a result, many are going out of business or are "going naked" (operating without insurance). Over the past year, AHC has unsuccessfully sought carriers to provide coverage to rental stables and other "high risk" horse services offered to the general public. The AHC has joined a coalition of recreation organizations with similar problems. Although there have been hearings in Congress, the insurance industry is regulated primarily by the states and Congressional leaders acknowledge there is little action possible at the federal level." (AHC Newsletter, 2/86)

**TOXICOLOGY HOTLINE:**

University of Illinois: 217/333-3611. Horse owners may call direct for free and valuable emergency information service on toxins, molds, diseases, poisonous plants, etc.

**FIRING:**

Findings from data collected from over 350 horses treated at veterinary clinics as well as on ponies with experimentally-induced tendon damage showed that tendon healing took as much as 15 months after the injury. Firing was not found to be beneficial and in many cases was detrimental due to the formation of scar tissue. (Horse Bits, Univ. of New Hampshire, 2/86)

**BLEEDERS:**

(Horses West, 2/86). "Murli Manohar, B.V.Sc., Ph.D., of the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine, estimates that as many as 70 to 80 percent of Thoroughbred race horses are 'bleeders.' . . . The problem is not confined to Thoroughbreds. Quarter Horses, Standardbred and ponies are among the other horses known to be bleeders. [T]ests have shown that when ponies go from resting to a fast trot, the right heart pressure increases as does the pulmonary artery pressure. At a gallop, these pressures increase still more. These very dramatic increases are not seen during exercise in other species, dogs, pigs or man. At the same time pressure is increasing inside the blood vessels, the force required for the animal to expand its lungs is pulling the vessel outward still more. This stress may be causing blood vessels to tear."

**COLIC:**

The Morris Animal Foundation (2/14/86) reports that a new surgical procedure--that of attaching the twisted organ to other organs or to the abdominal wall, deliberately creating adhesions, seems to prevent further twisting or recurrence of the same condition in that animal.

**COMPUTERS:**

The AQHA is again investigating the demand for on-line communication with the Association's data base. The proposed service would provide pedigree, performance, and produce records for access by telephone transmission from personal computers or data terminals for a fee. (AQHA "From Across the Tracks," 3/86)

**RUIDOSO DOWNS:**

in New Mexico will be the only facility in the nation with two separate racing surfaces for Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses after completion of a major phase of a \$6.5 million capital improvements program initiated in 1983. (AQHA "From Across the Tracks," 3/86)

**RACE HORSE SEMINAR:**

. . . for TB, ST and QH racing enthusiasts is scheduled June 16, 1986, at Canterbury Downs. The seminar will discuss sports medicine, sales, nutrition, marketing techniques, training and conditioning, tax laws, selection and management and other topics. Limited enrollment. Call UofM, Special Programs, St. Paul 55108 (612/373-0725) for more information.

**GUACAMOLE!!**

Although the trees are not found growing in MN, the fruit is also known to be toxic to horses. Horses develop swelling around the mouth and head, sometimes extending to the neck and chest. Other symptoms vary, but horses usually are depressed and lack normal appetite. Some show signs of colic. Horses are uncomfortable, but generally recover. (Morris Animal Foundation)

**NEWSLETTERS:**

We would like to remind each equestrian organization to include the MHC on your mailing list for your own newsletters. We need to know what is happening around the state and help you spread some of your news around to other horsemen through our own Quarterly. Please include us!

**MN HORSE COUNCIL:**

Did you see the articles on the MHC in the May issue of Horse Digest and the April 17th issue of the Rochester Post Bulletin Agri-News? (Note: The Horse Digest has 20 horse councils that are cooperating to exchange information.)

WILD HORSES:

Herd reductions by up to 50% are planned for wild horse and burro populations on public lands in 10 western states. (Horse Bits, Univ. of New Hampshire, 2/86)

AHSA:

Effective 3/1/86, note new address: The American Horse Shows Association, 220 East 42nd Street, Fourth Floor, NYC 10017-9998. (Horse Bits, Univ. of New Hampshire, 2/86)

VETERINARIAN LIENS:

The 1986 MN legislature created a statutory lien for veterinarians who perform emergency services for \$25 or more. It requires vets to file statements in the appropriate office with 180 days after performing the veterinary services. It also give vets liens priority over all other liens on the same animals. (Session Summary, May 1986)

STATE SALES TAX:

The AHC has published (2/86) a table of information which shows the application of sales tax for various states. The information for MN is as follows: Sale of horses: 6% (Exemptions: If purchased for resale in the ordinary course of business; if sold by an individual who occasionally sells horses; if sale constitutes interstate commerce; if designated breed used for racing purposes). Breeding fees: 0% (special application: subject to 6% tax if mare bred in-state is taken out-of-state to drop foal). Feed to horse farms: 6% (Exemptions: If purchased for consumption by horses held for resale in the ordinary course of business; if purchased for consumption by horses held for use in commercial agricultural horse breeding operation). Sales of equipment to horse farms: 6% (no exemptions).

LEGISLATIVE:

The American Horse Council sent us an "Action Alert" advising that the U.S. Senate was considering limitation/elimination of loss deductions. This provision would have been devastating to the horse industry. The provision called for limitation and in many instances elimination of the tax deductibility of losses associated with farm and business operations. A second notice from the AHC (5/8/86) states that, "after a week of intense AHC activity and discussions with Finance Committee members and their staff, this Senate action was averted. The Senate Finance bill now provides for horse depreciation schedules substantially similar to those now in effect, eliminates the investment tax credit (for which horses are not currently eligible) and repeals the present capital gains exclusion."

HORSE PROTECTION ACT

. . . was passed in 1970 and amended in 1976. It is intended to prevent cruel and inhuman practices that result in the soring of a horse. A horse is considered "sore" if it has abnormal pain, inflammation or lameness when it walks, trots or otherwise moves. The law forbids the entering of sore horses in a show, sale, auction or exhibition. Regulations further prohibit acts that may cause horses to become sore and specifies equipment which may not be used. All breeds of horses are included in the Horse Protection Act. Rollers of hardwood, aluminum or stainless steel which weigh less than 14 ounces and are uniform in size, weight and configuration are acceptable. Prohibited are chains weighing in excess of 8 ounces, including weight of fastener, on 2-year-olds; chains weighing in excess of 10 ounces, including weight of fastener, on 3-year-olds or older; and chains with drop links on any horse that is being ridden, worked on a lead, or otherwise worked out or moved. Owners, trainers, riders, sellers, managers of shows, sales, and auctions have the burden of responsibility in complying with these regulations. (AHC Newsletter, 4/86)

DOCUMENTARY:

WNET/NY will present "Racetrack", a new documentary film on National Public Television, Wednesday, June 4 at 9:00 p.m. (EST). This is an in-depth examination of the Sport of Kings, using New York's Belmont Racetrack for its setting. The two-hour broadcast will air three days prior to the Belmont Stakes, the last leg of the Triple Crown.

**HENNEPIN COUNTY:**

Hennepin County Park Reserve District (now called Suburban Hennepin Regional Park District) has disbanded its voluntary mounted patrol unit. They will, however, continue their full-time mounted patrol of four riders covering seven major parks and five smaller ones in the District.

**LOSS OF A HORSEMAN:**

Reed Kettlewell (57), one of the largest and oldest Quarter Horse breeders in Minnesota, died of a heart attack while running a 10K marathon. Sunup Quarterhorse Ranch is a 700 acre spread near Brainerd, MN.

**DRESSAGE:**

The U.S. Dressage Federation will be conducting regional workshops for dressage instructors, beginning in 1986. These will be 2-3 day courses designed to improve the instructors' knowledge of the correct principles of dressage as well as improve teaching effectiveness. They will also serve to prepare, identify and recommend instructors for the National Seminar for more intensive learning and possible attainment of official USDF Instructors Certification. Contact USDF, Lowell Boomer, Exec. Secretary, Box 80668, Lincoln, NE 68501 (402/474-7632).

**CAMP INSTRUCTORS:**

The Horsemanship Safety Association (5304 Reeve Road, Mazomanie, WI 53560; 608/767-2593) teaches riding instructors to teach horsemanship in summer camps. Certification is recognized by the American Camping Association.

**HONG KONG**

Between races, race horses here have to wear rubber slippers. They live in three-story stables and walk to the track through the city's streets. Note too that they are exercised on the stable roofs. (Skyway News, 4/30)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

No regularly scheduled MHC meetings until September 9th.  
5/23-26 - MN Palomino Horse Exhibitors (Windom)  
5/24-25 - MERF Endurance/Comp. Rides (Brainerd) (612/479-2555)  
6/11-13 - 32nd Annual MN Nationals Showcase (MAHA) (St. Paul)  
6/14-15 - Region 10 MAHA Championship (St. Paul)  
6/18-22 - Alpine Farms Summer Show (A-rated) (Long Lake)  
6/26-29 - Tanbark Horse Show (St. Paul)  
6/27-28 - The Prairie Home Carriage Classic (Hamel) (612/478-6506)  
6/28-29 - MPHA Show (Howard Lake)  
7/9-13 - North Star Morgan Horse Show (St. Paul)  
7/12-13 - Spirit Arabian (Proctor Fair Grounds)  
7/19-21 - International Percheron Horse Show (St. Paul)  
7/26-27 - Pony Express Riders for Courage (MAHA amateur) (Cannon Falls)  
7/25-27 - American Paint Spectacular (Windom)  
8/8-9 - MERF Endurance/Comp. Rides (Jordan)  
8/15-17 - Equestrian Fest (C-rated hunters) (Long Lake)  
8/17 - Grand Prix, Alpine Farms (Long Lake)

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