



# QUARTERLY

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#### AN APOLOGY:

This Winter issue of the MHC Quarterly is delayed by 6-8 weeks due to surgery on your editor. This issue will therefore be slightly larger issue because of the information collected to date.

#### NEW MEMBERS:

As always, we welcome any new members, and this time around we have several: Wanetta State, James Haines, Daniel Clemmons, III, and Betty Anderson as Individual members; Allen & Judy Ibberson (Family); The Osman Caballero (Organization); Ridge Spring Farm and Ox Yoke Farm (Certified Stables); and M & J Horseshoe Supply, Inc., and Mueller & Associates, Inc. (Corporate).

#### DIRECTORS:

1. Relected to the Board of Directors on December 3rd were Mary Block and Mark Ward. The 1989 officers are: Chuck Macnamara, President; John Block, Vice-President; Mary Block, Secretary; and Vickie Inget, Treasurer.

2. The MHC Bylaws provide up to 15 seats on the Board of Directors. Since the annual meeting on December 3, the following changes have been made to the Board: Resignations: Sheila Smith, Gus Johnson, Trina Joyce and Shorty Heuser. Elected to the Board by the members were Terry Anderson, Glen Eaton and Roy Shumway. Since the annual meeting, we have also added (until the next annual meeting) Ann Anderson, the wife of Terry Anderson. This now leaves us with 123 active directors on the MHC Board.

3. The Board has formed an Advisory Board of other individuals who have expressed an interest in working with us in our various activities. We hope that some of these people will one day "graduate" to the Board of Directors. Gus Johnson, our 1987 and 1988 president, has elected to go on this new board (due to his time constraints) rather than continue to serve as a director, as has Sheila Smith. Other individuals who have now joined include Allen and Judy Ibberson (MN Trail Riders Assoc.), Jim Fisk (St. Croix Horse and Carriage), Blair Rains, (MN Farrier Assoc.), and Dennis and Betty Cushing. What we are trying to do is to form a supporting level of about 15-20 people to gain additional input and assistance. Anyone can join this Advisory Board but they will be requested to attend as many meetings as they can for the calendar year they are appointed. Their renomination to that Advisory Board will be reconsidered annually, depending on their active participation. Members will each receive copies of the MHC minutes but each such member must be a paid member of the MHC. These individuals are now attending our directors' meetings and assisting with Expo and other MHC activities.

2. We are also requesting that all MHC-member organizations appoint delegates to the MHC. These delegates will not be required to attend our directors' meetings but will serve primarily as an important contact between the MHC and the respective member organization. Remember: Communication between MN horsemen is extremely important. Organizations, please work with us on this!

#### BYLAWS:

All change provisions proposed at the annual meeting of the MHC in December have been approved and are now a part of the MHC Bylaws. If you wish a copy of the corrected Bylaws, please contact us.

#### AWARDS

A press release was sent earlier to members regarding the 1988 winners of the MHC "Horseman of the Year Award" and the Scholarship. For those who weren't on that mailing list, the Horseman award went (posthumously) to Valera R. Purcell, and the Scholarship went to Heather Fragodt of Eden Prairie.

#### 1989 EXPO:

1. After a one year hiatus, the 1989 MN Horse Expo will be held April 29 and 30 at the MN State Fairgrounds in St. Paul. This change of location was necessitated by the recon-

struction of the Mpls. Auditorium. This new location has some drawbacks but also offers new opportunities. One big attraction will be the import of 100 wild horses from seven western states by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management for adoption to qualified individuals (see flier attached). We had originally also planned for 70 wild burros, but were recently informed that the BLM is unable to supply these for our April event. The MHC has a limited supply of folders for individuals who are interested in adopting a wild horse. Please contact us if you wish a copy. Note that about 50 of these horses have had partial training by a special prison inmate program. They are all somewhat used to humans care. [Watch TV Ch. 11 (KARE) as they may film the unloading (4/28).]

2. Please see an attachment to this Quarterly regarding other events to be held. Please do what you can to help promote this event which is produced by volunteers for the benefit of the MHC and this state's equine interests. Profits from this Expo event will be geared toward promoting a number of projects that are stalled on the back burner only because of a lack of funds.

3. Mary Stienke will again do our Horse Expo Fashion Shows on both April 28 and 29. It will be "Fashion Fun on Foot and Horseback." Models are needed (men, women and children). Call her at 612/588-0012.

4. There will be a Trails Benefit Auction on one or both days of the Expo. If you have any (equine or non-equine related) item or service that you would like to contribute to this auction, please call Director Roy Shumway for pick up. Roy will also accept cash donations or matching funds! The auctioneer is donating his time and talent. (See Trails below for further information.)

5. Expo has set aside a section of stalls (\$45/weekend) for anyone wishing to sell their horse at this event, and also has space available (\$10/weekend) for anyone wishing to sell their used trailer. Contact Glen Eaton (612/926--0341 or 938-2752. The trailer space can be obtained on 4/28 if you wish.

#### WILD HORSES:

1. The first jointly sponsored "Wild Horse Adoption Awareness Program" is scheduled for April 22 at Canterbury Downs beginning at 11:00 a.m. It will be presented by the BLM in cooperation with the MN Federated Humane Societies, the American Horse Protection Assoc., and the MHC in anticipation of the BLM horse adoption sale at the Horse Expo on April 29-30. All interested adoption applicants will be screened and a follow-up will be made as to the facilities and experience of the adopters with horses prior to the sale. This is a free workshop and everyone is invited to attend. You are under no obligation to adopt a horse unless you want to. It will be an educational and entertaining clinic for everyone. Call MHC Director, Terry Anderson for specifics (612/440-4421). Prospective adoptors will be allowed their "pick" of animal in order of sign-up.

2. Last fall the BLM announced it was ending its free mass adoption program, which waived a \$125-a-head adoption fee for anyone taking \$100 or more horses. Animal rights activists argued that the program allowed people to make a profit by selling adopted horses to slaughter houses for dog food, glue or other commercial purposes. The BLM still allows people to adopt up to four horses a year at \$125 each. It is also seeking to build sanctuaries for people to view the animals. According to estimates, a number of mustangs on this nation's ranges has grown from about 17,000 in 1971 to about 40,000, of which about 28,000 are in Nevada alone. The 1971 Wild and Free Roaming Horse and Bureau Act declared the mustangs protected wards of the state of Nevada and made their killing a misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$2,000 fine and one year in jail. But there is a conflict between the mustangs and cattle ranchers who are competing on that state's rangeland for survival. At least 450 of the wild horses have been illegally slaughtered. (Watertown Public Opinion, 10/17/88)

3. There will soon be a new equine publication in MN called "Mustang!" It will be devoted to wild horses or mustangs. A one-year subscription is \$15.00. Contact Mustang!, Route 1, Box 112AA, Rollingstone, MN 55969. Look for them at the wild horse exhibit at the Expo, and watch their little six-year-old daughter ride two of these "rehabilitated" wild horses as part of the show!

4. Marian Robinson (612/825-4955) is collecting photos of mustangs and burros for her scrapbook. Please contact her if you have a contribution.

#### RADIO

1. We have confirmed a one hour talk show with Dan Hertsgaard on WCCO on the general topic "Horse Sport" for Saturday, April 22nd (2:00 p.m.). This is a call-in show should you have any questions.

2. We have also tentatively set Dan Hertsgaard (subbing for Jim Rogers on WCCO Radio [#830] at 10:30 p.m. on April 20th) to interview John Winnepinnixk of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management regarding wild horses. This is also a call-in show.

#### CERTIFIED STABLES:

Ann Anderson is now chairing the Certified Stables program. Her track record for the last 2-3 months indicates that she really has this bull by the horns. Besides making the necessary inspections of new stables and reinspection of previous CS member-stables, she and her husband Terry have some interesting plans for the future for improving this program. Watch for them! Also, look for Ann to hold a short seminar at the upcoming Expo on Certified Stables.

#### CENTAUR COMPLEX:

To those who are not familiar with this project, several recognized members of the MN horse community volunteered many hours over a few recent years in an attempt to raise funds by means of a private and public offering for a multi-million dollar MN equestrian center. This effort did not meet its goal (this time around) but this project is not by any means dead. As reported in the Fall issue of our Quarterly, 11-12 architectural graduate students of the U of M agreed to design this facility which would include the seating for 5-8,000 people, a 600 box stall arrangement, a 45,000 sq. ft. arena connected to a 45,000 sq. ft. warm-up area, a veterinary station, a blacksmith shop and a restaurant. We are happy to report that this project is now complete and we hope to display the model and layouts at our upcoming Expo for your review. As another step toward this ultimate dream, the College of St. Thomas is now drafting a business plan for just such an equestrian center. Slowly but surely, we may yet get this project off the ground.

#### TRAILS:

1. The MHC has formed a committee called the "MHC Trailblazers" which is presently being headed by Director Roy Shumway. A special checking account has been established by the MHC as a depository for any funds that can be raised for the development or maintenance of equestrian trails in MN. Roy and certain other horsemen are presently soliciting donations of equine and non-equine items and/or services (new or used) that can be auctioned off in a Trails Benefit Auction during the Horse Expo. These donations can be bales of hay, tools and equipment, paintings, jewelry, clothing, sewing services, subscriptions, furniture, or whatever (but no "junk", please). All horsemen should recognize that not all horses develop into show or race quality animals, but may end up as trail horses. We all need to support this very large state-wide equestrian interest which, until now, has been virtually ignored financially by horsemen. Please help us build this very important fund. The MHC is contributing \$500 in matching funds as an incentive, and the MN Trail Riders Assoc. has already contributed \$200. Are there any other organizations, corporations or interested individuals who are willing to likewise assist in this new program? Cash donations will not be refused. Please contact Roy Shumway (612/753-4392) or your editor.

2. For those who don't know Roy Shumway, he is also director of the MTRA and has been very active in working with MN Dept. of Natural Resources' personnel and other governmental units in promoting, building and personally financing either horse trails or trail heads for some time. Since taking on this new committee, a meeting has already been held (with about a dozen individuals in attendance) with DNR officials. With Roy's help, and with the help of the monies we hope to obtain through the Expo Trails Benefit Auction, the MHC hopes to improve the status of equestrian and buggy trails in MN for the future. Roy has spent, is spending, and hopes to spend a lot more time in getting this program off the ground. He needs your support.

3. There is an effort by residents of the east side of St. Paul to convert an abandoned railroad corridor into a multipurpose trail. Suburban horsemen in the area are very interested. The proposed trail is just east of downtown St. Paul on an abandoned Burlington Northern Railroad corridor which runs north from Kellogg Blvd., near the Mississippi River, past Lake Phalen to Beam Ave. in Maplewood. It could eventually link the Willard Munger State Trail (which runs NE to Duluth) with two regional parks (Phalen-Keller and Indian Mound-Battle Creek). It could connect several city parks and schools in East St. Paul and Maplewood, link up with proposed trails along the Mississippi River, and serve as a commuter bike route to downtown for several east-metro cities. Corridor alignment and funding are the problems. The trail would need \$2 million to acquire and develop, and another \$1 million to lengthen two I-94 bridges over the corridor (planned for this summer). (Metro Monitor, Jan./Feb. 1989)

4. Three Wisconsin counties and their MN neighbors are working to establish an interstate recreation trail along the abandoned railroad tracks in both states. Approximately 60 county, state and local officials have pledged their support for the purpose of unused railroad beds in developing an 83-mile trail between Pattison State Park in Douglas

County, WI, to Dresser, WI, in Polk County. Supporters hope the trail can be used to attract tourism and forge new links between the twin ports and the Twin Cities. "It could be used by . . . horseback riders. . . ." The route roughly parallels the Willard Munger Trail in MN. The MN DNR states that it would consider purchasing the needed MN portion of that trail. (St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch, 12/13/88).

5. The national Rails-To-Trails Conservancy has indicated that there are nine abandoned railroad corridors stretching about 200 miles through the Twin City metro area that have been identified as potential multipurpose trails, but warned that unless state and local agencies move quickly, their ownership will be "fragmented beyond redemption" in perhaps 10 years. "State officials generally agreed that the corridors would make good trails, and noted that several are being developed or strongly considered for trails," but stressed that acquiring all of them would be costly. The width of rail right-of-ways average apx. 100 feet along many lines. Among the corridors under consideration are (1) the Medicine Lake-Mpls. route (9 miles long); (2) the Chaska-Shakopee-Prior Lake-Lakeville Corridor (28 miles); (3) St. Paul-White Bear Lake (7 miles); (4) the Minnetonka-St. Albans Bay-Lake Waconia-Hamburg Corridor (30 miles); (6) the St. Croix River (20 miles); (7) Elk River-Lake Freemont (18 miles); and (8) St. Paul Park-Randolph (30 miles). The report notes that MN already is one of the leading rails-to-trails states. The DNR already owns 412 miles of abandoned rail corridors and about 300 miles have been developed into trails. The Conservancy estimates that 18 million people have used 163 trails (or 2,400 miles) recovered from abandoned railroads. (Mpls. Star Tribune, 1/3/89)

4. Your editor has learned of a possible 1990 equestrian trail ride from the Twin Cities to the Itasca Park to commemorate the 100th anniversary of that State Park. For further information, contact Keith Butler, Box 4, Lake Itasca, MN 56460. No other information is yet available.

#### LYME DISEASE:

Coulston's International Corp. of Easton, PA, has been granted a special permit by the MN Agricultural Dept. to allow their product (Permanone) to be sold in this state (along with Wisconsin and 20 other states). It is, according to its marketing agent, virtually 100 percent effective in killing and repelling ticks. Lyme disease is carried by deer ticks, slightly smaller than the common wood tick, in more than 30 states. People and animals alike are at risk, and death can occur in the extreme case. Most situations produce a large red rash, sometimes followed by arthritis. Antibiotics often remedy both. A six ounce can of Permanone will retail for about \$6. It is neither a cure nor a vaccine and is to be used only on clothing. It is not recommended to be sprayed on the skin. It carries a slight odor that lasts 4-5 minutes before becoming scentless. Coulston believes that it's virtually impossible for a tick to get to your skin if you have sprayed your clothing with this product. The tick is "either trying to get off or he's dead." And they believe it is 100% effective for dogs, too. They should be sprayed daily if repeatedly in tick areas. (St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch, 3/10/89)

#### U OF M CLINIC:

The Univ. of MN and the MHC has annually co-sponsored an equine clinic every April for many years on the St. Paul campus. Due to scheduling problems by the University, there will be no 1989 Spring Clinic for Horsemen. The presentation of the 1988 Horseman of the Year portrait by the MHC to the University will therefore be presented in a double-ceremony at the 1990 U of M Clinic.

#### MN HORSEMEN'S DIRECTORY:

There have been several requests for an updated version of The Minnesota Horsemen's Directory. Please be advised that this is not an MHC effort but one that belongs solely to your editor as a separate and private project. Two issues have been printed in the past and a third one was scheduled to be printed in 1988. (They are spaced about 4 years apart.) Due to a chronic case of writer's cramp, I have been unable to complete this latest issue as hoped. The whole project is presently on hold until another means can be found to complete an updated publication. In the meantime, information is still being collected with the hopes of putting out a new issue in the near future.

#### SORING:

In a February Board meeting, the MHC voted to support, along with the MN Federated Humane Societies, the banning of inhumane treatment of show horses and the use of chemical and/or natural equine soring agents in this state. A number of specially trained and experienced horsemen will be serving as Certified Humane Officers and Horse Abuse Investigators, and they will handle any complaints of any large animal abuse in their area. They will also educate the public in proper large animal care, enforce the MFHS's rules pertaining to soring, the use of improper pads and shoes which alter the natural hoof to pastern angle, and the use of improper action devices. They will also be inspecting horses for possible drug violations (which will be reported to the USDA for further investigation) and will

monitor rodeos, endurance races, eventing and any other competitive horse-related activities. [There is some overlapping of state and federal laws pertaining to horse abuse, thus these investigations will be collaborated with the USDA.] The new pad rules set forth by the USDA are somewhat ambiguous, little understood and greatly misinterpreted. The interim rules are in effect while the final rendition is again being questioned by the American Horse Protection Assoc. Goniometers (used to measure the hoof and pastern to leg ratio, which has to be within a reading of from 35-42 degrees), will be available through any member of the MN Farriers Assoc. or by writing to "Horse," Box 4015, Prior Lake, MN 55372. Volunteers are presently being solicited to study and become certified as MN Humane Officers with the ultimate aim of having at least one Certified Horse Abuse Investigator in each county. If you have any questions about the pad ruling by the State or USDA, please contact Terry Anderson (612/440-4421).

VETERINARY:

1. According to a member from the Morris Animal Foundation of Englewood, CO, studies show that a high ammonia level in stalls may cause foal pneumonia, that horses fed pelleted food several times a day don't have the major fluid swings in their systems common to horses fed once or twice a day, and that the American Horse Council estimates only \$.13 per horse per year is spent on equine research in this country. (Note: The Foundation funds approximately \$750,000 worth of animal health studies each year, leading to major improvements in the lives of dogs, cats, horses, zoo animals and wild life. No other organization in the country tends to the health needs of such a diverse group of animals. But each year some of the best projects go without funding). (12/88)
2. The Morris Animal Foundation (12/88) states that "a carrier test for horses with a gene for combined immunodeficiency (CID) a fatal genetic disorder of Arabian foals, is a definite possibility within the next five years, but it will be costly. Work could cost about \$150,000 per year.
3. The Morris Animal Foundation (12/88) also indicates that last summer's drought slowed the search for the insect suspected of carrying Potomac Horse Fever. Though it is not known how PHF passes from horse to horse, most scientists believe some type of biting insect is involved. The disease appears in the spring, about the time insects begin to hatch, and disappear in the fall, after frost kills insects. And the drought last summer seriously reduced the supply of biting flies, according to the North Carolina State University which is studying this condition. Although black flies are on top of the suspect list, this apparently doesn't hold true for North Carolina.
4. MN Equine Associates, Ltd., of Maple Plain indicates that the most impressive new product newly available is an immunostimulant or I.V. injection given three times over a weeks time to stimulate the body to produce its own protection (for example) against respiratory infections. That clinic's Newsletter (#11, 1988) also reports that there is an immunizing product for Potomac Horse Fever available as of 1988 that causes no local reaction and comes in a two-shot series (30 days apart). "Plan to have the series completed before summer as this is a hot weather disease." The third new product protects your horse against endotoxins which are poisonous substances released when certain bacteria die and break down, causing laminitis and colitis X. Injections of S/T antiserum should be given to chronic founder cases and cases of risk to endotoxic shock (or horses highly stressed by travel, shows, training and high protein, high energy diets). Repeat if necessary.
5. MN Equine Associates, Ltd. (#1, 1/89) has also reported neighboring outbreaks of Equine Viral Arteritis, a look-alike to influenza and rhinopneumonitis. These outbreaks have caused pneumonia deaths in weanlings and several abortions. That clinic suggests that you (1) keep a closed herd (especially brood mares), (2) and vaccinate. "Up until now, we have only recommended vaccinating breeding stallions and high-risk show horses. However, if you are close to an outbreak, be sure to vaccinate soon" as it takes two weeks for the horses body to respond to the vaccine, a one time injection product. [Dr. Wes Schroeder also states that a Coggins test can now be done more quickly, but it still takes 24 hours to incubate. And health certificates need to be planned for, especially those for horses headed toward Canada.]
6. Dr. Wes Schroeder (MN Equine Associates, Maple Plain) states that we need to know how many cases of Potomac Horse Fever, Lyme Disease and Equine Viral Arteritis are occurring in MN. He states that horsemen and horse groups should contact the MN Board of Animal Health (Dr. Keith Friendshuh) and encourage them to require veterinarians to report these diseases. The Board would then log these numbers and report back to veterinarians who can then be prepared to protect your animals. (#3, 3/89)

#### LIABILITY:

1. According to the Washington State Horse Council News (12/88), that state's horse council has before its legislature an Equine Activities Liability Act (see copy attached) to absolve horsemen of most injury liability. The Chronicle of the Horse (quoting the Wall Street Journal), states that an "increasing number of judges fear liability suits have pushed recreational-facility insurance rates beyond what many companies or individuals can pay. Thus, judges, especially in California, are trying to solve the problem by showing that waivers hold up in court. . . . [t]hat other state courts had ruled waivers might not be binding if the plaintiff could demonstrate gross negligence by the defendant that led to their injuries." Apparently, in Washington State "the only major opposition [to this proposed bill] appears to be the Trial Lawyers Assoc.," but the attorney for the Washington State Horse Council feels "that something similar is needed universally if we are to expect to survive as an industry." We will be watching this one closely!

2. The Rhulen Agency, Inc. has come out with six new types of liability insurance for horsemen: (1) Equine Owner's Liability (covering the insured horse owner up to \$1 million in coverage as a result of injury or damage caused by an owned horse); (2) Commercial Equine Insurance (providing coverage for bodily injury or property damage claims against a commercial equine operation up to \$1 million as a result of bodily injury or property damage); (3) Equine Schools (for \$1 million coverage for bodily injury or property damage claims made against an equine school); (4) Care, Custody and Control (covering owners of boarding and breeding farms or trainers against claims by owners for horse killed or injured); (5) Horse Event Liability Insurance (\$1 million coverage for persons and/or organizations conducting horse shows); and (6) Equine Assoc. Liability Insurance (covering an association's activities). Further information has been requested from Rhulen so that the MHC can determine whether any or all of these coverages can or should be offered through the MHC to its members. A memo was sent by AHC president, Rich Rolapp, to AHC State Horse Council members with a resolution basically stating that each state council may consider contracting with Rhulen's program on their own but, as a whole, the SHC invites and encourages AHC participation in a national program. [See also the attached chart on Ways to Control Liability as proposed by the AHC State Horse Council News (The Council Connection, Winter 1988-89). This chart was drafted by a managing partner of a Chicago law firm.]

#### MN STATE FAIR:

We have received a letter from Steve Pooch from the MN State Fair that outlines improvements that have been approved for the 1989 State Fair: convert manholes to floor drains in the horse barn (\$950); sound system in the Coliseum (\$57,000); repair the horse barn roof (\$15,000); repair roof deck on east side of horse barn (\$7,500); horse barn stall maintenance (\$5,000); repair canvas curtains in horse annex (\$500); repair Coliseum roof (\$10,000); repair canvas curtains in judging arena (\$1,000); horse jump maintenance (\$3,000); manure cart maintenance (\$1,000); paint horse jumps (\$2,000); and close off the north side of the judging arena fencing (\$2,000). The total cost is \$104,950. The work has begun and the completion date is targeted for the middle of April but no guarantees are being made. The MHC hereby express thanks to the MN State Fair for these long-needed considerations.

#### NEWS FROM THE AHC:

1. "Federally-granted rail quarters which are no longer used as railways will be taken back by the Federal government and converted into trails and greenways under a new law signed by President Reagan in October. Horseback riders are among the potential beneficiaries. "The law repeals an old statute under which the government essentially gave away its interest in more than 30,000 miles of railroad right-of-way over public land with no recourse if the tracks fell into disuse." (AHC News, Nov/Dec 1988).

2. The American Society for Testing and Materials has developed new standards for equestrian safety helmets. "Helmets meeting the new standards will be identified with sewn-in labels indicating the approval of ASTM and the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI)." These new helmets will be three times as protective as those currently available, weigh less and will have comparable prices. (AHC News, Nov/Dec 1988).

3. The Smithsonian National Museum in Washington, D.C., will celebrate the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' landing in the new world in October 1991, and horses are expected to take part in a horse festival to encompass seven days of live displays, parades and events. "Preliminary plans call for programs to highlight the horse and its Spanish, American Indian, colonial, frontier and modern sport histories." (AHC News, Jan/Feb 1989).

4. "After 105 years at New York City's Madison Square Garden, the National Show Horse Show will move to New Jersey's Meadowlands Sports Complex for its Oct. 31-Nov. 1989 show." (AHC News, Jan/Feb 1989).

#### SPECIAL EVENT:

The MHC has been approached by Canterbury Downs to co-sponsor a special 4-day equestrian event for the four days of the July 4th weekend. We hope to have more information on this in the next Quarterly.

#### WALKING HORSES:

The 1988 National Horse Celebration was held in Shelbyville, TN, with 1,993 horses participating in a 10-day event. This was the "largest U.S. horse show devoted to one breed." 107 different classes were offered with more than 3,500 entries and \$400,000 in prizes and awards. There was an all time high of 231,051 in paid spectator attendance, or 7,500 higher than in 1987. (Tri-State Horsemen's Assoc., Inc., 2/89).

#### QUARTER HORSES:

The results of the AQHA annual membership survey indicates that the average member household owns an average of 8.4 registered Quarter Horses with an average value of \$3,827.00; 30 percent of those "heads of household" earned more than \$60,000 last year. The average earned income per household in 1987, before taxes, was \$53,183.00; the average net worth per household is \$412,284, and 6 percent have a net worth exceeding \$1 million. AQHA members have an aggregate \$18.5 billion dollars and an average \$131,220 invested in their horses, and related land and equipment. (AHC News, Nov/Dec 1988).

#### INAUGURAL PARADE:

Don Knoph of Kenyon, MN was chosen to represent this state in President Bush's inaugural parade. He drove a light team to the US Marshall's Wagon. There were three flag bearers. Jerry Thomas (a John Wayne look-alike from Apple Valley) escorted two prisoners. (St. Croix Horse & Carriage Society Newsletter, 1/89).

#### ENDURANCE:

Nominations are now being accepted for the North American Championship Endurance Ride (7/29 in Canada) and the European Championship (9/28 in Lisbon Portugal). Nominations close April 14 for the North American Ride and June 15 for the European Ride. Further information and forms for the North American Ride can be obtained from Louise Ridel, 455 Moore Heights, Debuque, IA 52001. This address applies only to applicants from the central time zone as each zone will be represented by a team. (UMECRA Newsletter, 1/89) [Note: Endurance riding will be a part of upcoming Int'l. Summer Olympics and will be a part of the national Olympic Festival to be held in MN in 1990.]

#### HANDICAPPED RIDING:

1. For the fifth year, Cloud 9 Therapeutic Horsemanship, Inc. will be offering horseback riding lessons to people who have physical or mental disabilities. The goals of the program are for students to learn the skill of riding as safely and independently as possible, for the riding to be physically therapeutic, and to have fun. This experience can improve balance, coordination, strength, posture and decrease spasticity. Lessons are on Monday and Thursday evenings (April-Sept.). If you are interested in volunteering assistance, call Trina Joyce at 612/338-3961. Cloud 9 is located just south of the Cities in Dakota County.

2. "We Can Ride" is another Twin City organization that has a similar program. Please contact them at 612/934-0057.

3. The MN Special Olympic Games are scheduled for Duluth on June 6-8 and the National CP Games are scheduled for Mankato on 7/13-18/89. Note also that the International Special Olympics will be held in the Twin City area in 1991. Horseback riding is an important part of this event. We will keep you informed of these activities as they become known to us.

#### STATE PRIDE:

Our state is now recognized as a national leader in the hosting of sporting events. Sports, Inc., a national sports business publication recently stated, "MN is considered one of the most aggressive groups to come into the market in the last two or three years." (MN Medalist, Winter/Spring 1989) although they are basically referring to events such as skiing (Giant's Ridge in Biwabik), the National Sports Center in Blaine (scheduled for completion before the 1990 US Olympic Festival), the National Ice Hockey Center at St. Cloud State University which is under construction, and the U of M Swimming Center which will be operational for the Olympic Festival, the MHC and Centaur, Inc., are hoping that equestrian interests will ultimately also be recognized. The "Star of the North" state games will be held in Burnsville for 1989. More than 4,300 Minnesotans participated last year in the 18 sports competition in St. Cloud, and even more are expected this year.

#### LLAMAS:

These animals are not related to equines, but some horseman have taken a liking to them. These South American "camels" have achieved new found popularity as pack animals. They are also social and friendly animals that like to have their necks rubbed. "Like cats, llamas often get along better with their owners than with one another." They are gentle with children and enjoy nuzzling their owners affectionately. They hum softly to themselves when happy and get along with other pets. They are hardy and healthy beasts that can subsist by grazing on a simple and inexpensive diet of hay. They possess an amazing tolerance to extremes of weather and altitude. But a "30 pound baby" will grow into a 6-foot, 400-pound adult animal and may cost \$500 or more. Check your local ordinances before purchase. (Better Homes & Gardens, 1/89).

#### DONKEYS:

A recent article in the Midwest Bridle & Bit states that donkeys make good guard animals for sheep as they don't like dogs (and presumably coyotes and foxes). They can kill the predators and they know it, but their first warning is by braying and stamping its feet if anything unusual comes around at night. But "all donkeys are not necessarily good guard donkeys any more than . . . all Thoroughbreds will be good running horses." Incompatible animals have sometimes killed sheep or chased the mother sheep away from its baby." But they are terrified of bears and mountain lions, and a wolf can kill a donkey.

#### LEGAL:

1. The Morgan Horse (12/88) indicates that there is a new federal rule going into effect by April 1, 1992 that will include all vehicles that weigh 26,000 pounds (gross vehicle weight) or more or towing trailers weighing more than 10,000 pounds GVW. The rules will include interstate and intrastate driving. All drivers will be required to take a road and driver's knowledge test, which may be written or oral. It includes a grandfather clause allowing states to permit drivers to use a good driving record and experience as a substitute for a road test but not the knowledge test. Those drivers would have to show that they operated the type of vehicle for which they are seeking a license, with at least two years of clean driving record. Most horse people coming under these new rules will fall into the top level (Class A) which includes combination vehicles. It is advised that all drivers keep a record of the size of vehicles you drive plus the names of anyone who has seen you drive so that you can qualify for some of the exceptions. If you are not sure where you fall, load your vehicles and go to the nearest scale for a weight check. If you are over 26,000 pounds GVW (tow vehicle plus trailer, or if the trailer weighs more than 10,000 pounds), you will need a Class A license. You will also need a physical card. The article indicates that some states have already adopted these rules and some drivers are getting ticketed.

2. The MN Sales Tax Newsletter (12/88) indicates that the sale of horses in this state in most cases are subject to sales tax. "The exceptions are: (1) horses sold to dealers exclusively for resale. The dealer must provide a properly completed resale exemption certificate; (2) isolated or occasional sales by a person not in the business of selling horses; . . . (3) sales of horses that are transported outside of MN by the purchaser for use in a trade or business, provided the horse is not subject to tax in the state or county to which it is transported. The purchaser must provide a properly completed certificate of exemption, Form ST-3A." Further note: "Fees for breeding horses are not taxable unless the fee is paid for breeding of a race horse whose birth is recorded by the Jockey Club, the United States Trotting Assoc. or the American Quarter Horse Assoc. . . . Sales of feed are subject to sales tax unless the feed is used for raising horses held exclusively for the purpose of resale. The purchaser must provide a properly completed certificate of exemption, Form ST-3."

#### LEGISLATIVE:

1. There is a proposal before the state legislature (HF707/SF588) to allow race tracks to conduct pari-mutuel betting on horse races run at tracks in other states. This bill would allow Canterbury Downs to televise races during winter and off-season months which might help that track with its financial problems. The bill would permit Canterbury to broadcast only races run by breeds that ran there the previous year. It would require the MN Commission to approve commingling of pari-mutuel pools at Canterbury with those of the other track and would also allow Canterbury to offer whatever forms of pari-mutuel pools the sending track offers. (House Session Weekly, 3/3/89) As of March 12, the Senate had approved and sent their bill to the floor.

2. Another bill has been presented which allows animal control officers to remove, shelter, or care for an animal that is not properly protected from the cold, heat or inclement weather, or an animal that is not properly cared for. Current statutes

permit peace officers and humane society agents to perform this function. (The Briefly, 3/3/89)

3. The MN DNR has requested budget increases to address issues such as repair and replacement of state park buildings and the operation of the park system. While the DNR does not expect to receive the total budget amount requested, they have informed the legislature that the park system is at a crossroads and needs to be carefully reviewed in order to ensure that the state's natural resources are preserved. The park system was established to preserve a natural resource, provide recreation and to provide environmental education and interpretation. The DNR noted that while park use is increasing, there have been minimal increases in the operations budget. (Senate Briefly, 2/10/89)

3. A bill permitting the state to negotiate and enter into a tribal-state agreement regulating gambling activities on Indian reservations was approved 2/3/89 by members of the general legislation and public gaming committee. Class III Gaming Activities include pari-mutuel dog and horse racing, video poker and lotteries. Gov. Perpich supports the bill. (Senate Briefly, 2/10/89)

4. Senate File 511 provides that family farm operations that have an annual payroll of less than \$20,000 in cash wages be exempt from workers' compensation coverage if the farmer is covered a liability policy of at least \$5,000 for medical payments and at least \$300,000 for total liability. Current law provides the exclusion if the payroll is less than \$8,000 and does not address the subject of liability insurance. But committee members adopted an amendment that may remove the liability insurance language and also approved another amendment that excluded migrant workers from the workers' compensation exclusion and effectively requires that migrant workers be covered under workers' compensation. (Senate Briefly, 2/17/89)

5. Senate File 351 allows a portion of the MN Breeders Fund revenues to be expended for the racing industries promotional and educational activities, regardless of whether the activities are conducted by a public post-secondary institution. Current law requires that 20% of those moneys be used for equine research grants and related education at public institutions of post-secondary learning within the state. (Senate Briefly, 2/17/89)

6. Senate File 400 eliminates the statutory requirement that race horse medications be administered under the visual supervision of the racing commission veterinarian or assistant veterinarian. Under the bills provisions, liability for properly administering race horse medication rests with the racing commission. (Senate Briefly, 2/17/89)

7. The MN Racing Commission presented a (base level) budget request of \$3.689 million. The Commission originally requested an additional \$400,000 for regulation of a new race track in Little Falls which license has since been surrendered. (Senate Briefly, 2/24/89)

#### CAROUSEL:

If details can be worked out, the historic (74 years) state fair carousel will be installed on the third level of the downtown St. Paul Town Square. Our Fair Carousel, a non-profit group, borrowed \$1.3 million to buy this unit before it could be auctioned off in New York City. Although the City of St. Paul has guaranteed the loan, if it is not repaid by December 1989, it may still be sold to recoup the investment. An unknown party has pledged to raise \$600,000 if the remaining funds can be donated in time. \$80,000 has thus far been raised. The Carousel group is seeking donors to adopt the horses as part of a fund-raising effort. (Mpls. Star Tribune, 3/11/89) The Carousel was made in 1914 by the Philadelphia Toboggan Company and is considered by collectors to be one of the 30 best of the few remaining in the nation. (St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch, 3/10/89)

#### EQUINE LIBRARY:

A grant for \$7,500 from the MN Racing Commission was received by the U of M/Crookston Equine Science Dept. and library to develop a regional information center for equine science. This grant will allow the development of an Equine Learning Race Horse Center for horse-related information by purchasing academic texts, audio-visual materials and professional journals. The funds granted come from the MN Breeder's Fund and will be supportive of this states horse industry, including racing. "Because the closest equine science is over 300 miles away, the need for a regional center was imperative." UM/C's Equine Science Dept. employs two full-time faculty members and currently has apx. 30 students enrolled. The colleges facilities include a large indoor and outdoor arena and a 30-stall stable housing many breeds of horses.

Graduates of this equine science program are placed in all facets of the equine industry, training establishments and veterinary facilities. (Cross Country, 3/89)

RACING:

1. Ralph Strangis, a Mpls. attorney, has succeeded Ray Eliot who resigned as the appointed chairman of the MN Racing Commission.
2. Doug Eichten has been named V.P. of Marketing and Public Relations for Canterbury Downs.
3. Tom Metzen of West St. Paul has been selected by Governor Perpich to serve on the MN Racing Commission, replacing Norbert Berg who has resigned. Metzen will resign as president and general manager of Vermillion Thoroughbred in Hastings and sell his interests in order to serve. He has raised horses for 35 years, is a real estate agent and appraiser and a director of the Dakota County Board of Realtors. (Mpls. Star Tribune, 3/20/89)
4. The AQHA "From Across the Tracks" reports over 300 people attended the December 3 MN Quarter Horse Seminar at Canterbury Downs (1/6/89), and that California has the No. 1 daily attendance average for Quarter Horse racing. (12/23/88)
5. According to Canterbury Downs, over 3,000 applications (up 50% more than expected) have been received for the 1989 stabling at the track. "It's a track record and one of the highest in the country." They are expecting even better quality horses than previously. The 1989 racing season will begin April 28 (with a mixed Quarter Horse meet through June 11) and then continue through October 9th with only Thoroughbreds. (Mpls. Star Tribune, 3/19/89)
6. Canterbury Downs will offer 50 stakes races for Thoroughbreds in a special week of Quarter Horse stakes events on its 1989 racing program. The Thoroughbred schedule will offer purses in the approximate gross value of \$2.5-2.6 million and includes the renewal of 7 major races. (St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch, 1/20/89)
7. An economic report by the Racing Commission, in cooperation with Canterbury Downs and the MN Dept. of Revenue (7/87) shows that the effects of the 1986 racing meet created almost 2,900 full-time jobs, increased the gross state product by \$81.4 million and generated a gain in personal income of \$66.2 million. It also generated a gain in individual and corporate income and sales taxes of \$4.4 million. (MN Thoroughbred Journal, Dec/Jan 1989)
8. The MN Thoroughbred Breeders Assoc. was formed last year to support the needs of Thoroughbred owners and breeders in MN.
9. Canterbury Downs presented the MN Racing Commission a check for \$341,651.05, representing the amount left over from unclaimed tickets at Canterbury Downs during the 1988 meet. Compare 1985 at \$320,000; 1986 at \$402,000; and 1987 at nearly \$400,000. The total is now nearly \$1.4 million. (MN Thoroughbred Journal, Feb/Mar 1989)
10. The second annual Thoroughbred Yearling Sale will be held August 19 at Canterbury Downs. Last years gross receipts were \$302,000; the sales taxes totalled over \$18,000. (MN Thoroughbred Journal, Feb/Mar 1989)
11. MN Harness Racing, Inc. reports that the Dan Patch Raceway in Blaine has purchased the land for the new harness track. The present plans call for either 40 or 50 horse barns with a 1/2 mile oval patterned after Delaware, Ohio, although serious consideration is also being given to a 5/8th mile oval depending on space.
12. KMSP-TV (Ch. 9) may telecast two of Canterbury Down's major races this season: the St. Paul Derby on June 25 and the Canterbury Cup on August 13. (St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch, 3/10/89)
13. Heartland Horse Racing Company surrendered its pari-mutuel license in December in order to regroup its effort to establish a second race track in MN after failing to find financial backers for its proposed track near Little Falls. (Mpls. Star Tribune, 12/13/88)
14. A new race track opened in Altoona, Iowa, opened February 23 under winter conditions. The track is hoping for an average of 4,600 in attendance during this winter-spring meet. The Thoroughbred meet is scheduled to end May 14 followed by 12

days off and then a switch to harness racing for 55 days (5/26 to 8/6). (Mpls. Star Tribune, 3/5/89)

15. The MN Thoroughbred Assoc. reported that 280 MN-bred horses competed here and around the country in 1987 and earned \$1.2 million. This grew in 1988 to 494 MN-breds, to earn in excess of \$2.86 million. This is up from \$1.2 million in 1987.

16. The principal owners of Canterbury Downs are expected to seek new financing this year or seek new investors, or both. The track will open April 29 as scheduled. MN Racing Commissioner Chairman, Ralph Strangis, expressed confidence that the track would operate in subsequent years, despite financial losses since it opened in 1985. (Mpls. Star Tribune, 3/11/89)

17. The Tennessee State Racing Commission denied a license application to race Hackney Ponies via radio remote-controlled robot jockeys. (Amer. Horse Protection Assoc, 2/89)

18. The Assoc. of Racing Commissioners International report that pari-mutuel tax revenue to generated from all forms of horse racing in the USA climbed above the \$600 million mark again in 1987 after falling below that figure between 1974 and 1986. Governments received \$608,351,461 from horse racing in 1988, an increase of 4% over 1986. Attendance at horse races went over the 70 million mark and averaged 4,934 daily. The pari-mutuel handle topped \$13.1 billion and averaged \$923,581. Nearly 12 million in mutuel tickets went uncashed. Simulcasting and telephone betting exceeded \$800 million and produced nearly \$18 million more in government taxes. Stakes and purse distribution continued to climb and reached \$913,192,765. ("From Across the Tracks", 11/23/88)

#### COLOSTRUM BANK:

The Equine Club of the U of M College of Vet. Med. has accepted responsibility for maintaining and developing a list of colostrum donors for this regional area. It is their goal to establish a Reserve Bank of Colostrum at the St. Paul Veterinary Hospital. "Colostrum donated to the Bank will be tested for Ig content and neo-natal isocerythrololysis antibodies and will be available to those in need of it for no charge. Replacement colostrum will be welcomed." Contact the Colostrum Bank, College of Vet. Med., 225 Veterinary Teaching Hospitals, 1365 Gortner Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108, or call 612/538-3705. (MN Thoroughbred Journal, Dec/Jan 1989)

#### A PASSING

Ralph Thornton of the Mpls. Star Tribune has written many articles on MN horses and horsemen over the years. He died March 24th of cancer at 67. We will miss him.

#### VACATION IDEAS:

1. If you are looking for a covered wagon trip, write Oregon Trail Wagon Train, Route 2, Bayard, NE 69334 (308/586-1850) or Colorado Wagon Train, Box 73, Crawford, CO 81415 (303/921-3660).

2. There is a newsletter put out by Adventure Trails of the West, Inc., Box 1494, Wickenburg, AZ 85358 (800/346-4403) outlining many horseback trips not only in Arizona but in California and Australia, too. By their listed schedule, it looks like they've got something going on someplace from February through December.

2. There is another newsletter, entitled "Horseback Vacations" that covers some exotic rides across the country and Alaska, some in combination with raftings, horse and cattle drives and "en-route" inn accommodations. Write Adventure Guides, Inc., 36 E. 57th St., NYC 10022 (212/355-6334).

#### ADVERTISEMENTS:

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2. FOR SALE: 3 adjacent lots on Forest Lake access containing one small year-round (1 BR) home, 1 garage with walk-in 2nd story storage, and one cabin. One lot is on corner. \$70,000 or 10% down. Will finance. Chris Olson, 612/464-2463 or 224-8000.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 4/8-9 - John Lyons Symposium, Woodloch Stable, Hugo (612/429-8293)
- 4/11 - MHC Board Meeting, St. Paul
- 4/29-30 - MN Horse Expo, MN State Fairgrounds, St. Paul
- 5/5-7 - Sahara Sands Spring Classic (Arabian), MN State Fairgrounds, St. Paul
- 5/9 - MHC Board Meeting (Call for location)
- 5/13-14 - Minn-I-Kota Arabian Show, Windom
- 5/29-6/3 - NRHA St. Paul Derby, MN State Fairgrounds, St. Paul
- 6/9-17 - Camp Courage Wagon Train (170 miles)
- 6/22-25 - Prairie Home Carriage Classic, Long Lake
- 6/25 - St. Paul Derby at Canterbury Downs
- 7/9 - Whips and Wheels Polo Drive
- 8/19 - Thoroughbred Yearling Sale at Canterbury Downs

MHC BOARD MEETINGS

. . . are held the second Tuesday of each month (September-November and January-May). They are open to members and non-members alike, but confirmation of meetings is suggested. These meetings have recently been held in Burnsville but will now be held in St. Paul for April (and possibly May 1989). Please contact a director for directions. The Expo Board generally meets the same night but at an earlier time.

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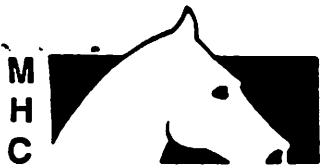
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# Trail Blazers

March 15, 1989

Howdy,

It is almost spring, thank goodness, time to re-establish our relationships with those fur balls standing out in the pasture. Mine have wintered well and with almost no use they are really feeling their oats. Their actions seem to tell me they are ready to hit the trails again.

The logistic work for establishing the MHC Trail Blazers has been completed. The final meeting with the Department of Natural Resources was held on February 25th at the St. Paul headquarters. We have worked through the winter with the Directors of DNR Trails and Waterways, Forestry and Parks Departments, establishing a firm base for the start of our first season as the MHC Trail Blazers, knowing we have the full support of the Department of Natural Resources. With your support this has the potential of helping more horsemen develop more trails in the state of Minnesota than was ever possible in the past.

There is one goal that we started out with, however, that is not complete. That is the establishment of a trails development fund. In this endeavor we need your support desperately. There will be an auction at the Horse Expo, with all proceeds going to this trail development fund. We have an excellent auctioneer who has volunteered his equipment and services to help further our goals. However, we desperately need items for the auction. Enclosed in this quarterly is a letter that has and is being mailed to perspective donors but at this time response has been slow. We feel that an in-person visit with some of these letters in hand would receive a better response in donations and a better understanding of our goals.

Please become involved. Join the Trail Blazers in trying to establish the best trails for the best horsemen - the Minnesota horsemen,

Thank you,

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## ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

### Wild Horse Adoption Highlights 1989 Minnesota Horse Exposition.

On April 29th and 30th, 100 young trainable wild horses recently rounded up from fragile western rangelands will be offered for adoption at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in St. Paul, Minnesota. The adoption event in St. Paul is held in conjunction with the 1989 Minnesota Horse Exposition. Along with 2 full days of events and activities for horse novices and professionals, wild horses will be on display and available for adoption at a fee of \$125.00 per horse. The fee helps defray the Federal Government's cost of round-up, veterinary care, transportation and administrative expenses.

Since the program began in 1973, over 90,000 animals have been adopted throughout the Continental United States. Over 700 have been adopted by the residents of Minnesota.

To qualify to adopt up to four animals, applicants must have a sturdy corral at least 5 feet high, shelter, transportation, and means of caring for the animals. The adoption fee of \$125.00 per horse is payable in cash or money order at the time of adoption.

Most wild horses are found in Nevada, Wyoming, California and eastern Oregon. Before shipping each animal rounded up by BLM is thoroughly checked by a veterinarian, coggins tested, wormed, and vaccinated for various equine disorders.

After an animal has been adopted, BLM personnel will halter and load the animal for the adopter and provide information on health care, feeding and training of wild horses.

For applications and more information about this event, contact Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 631, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0631, or call (414) 291-4415.



Below is a copy of the liability legislation proposed by the Washington State Horse Council to be introduced in the 1989 Legislative Session. You can help with this valuable and much needed legislation by calling or writing the legislators and senators in your district and ask for their sponsorship and support.

## ***EQUINE ACTIVITIES LIABILITY ACT***

AN ACT Relating to liability for injuries or death while engaged in equine activities; and adding new sections to chapter 4.24 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1. The Legislature recognizes that persons who participate in equine activities may incur injuries as a result of the numerous inherent risks involved in such activities. The Legislature also finds that the State and its citizens derive numerous personal and economic benefits from such activities. To encourage owners, operators and promoters to sponsor such equine activities, the Legislature declares that it is the public policy of this State that no person engaged in equine activities shall recover from any person for injuries resulting from the inherent risks of such equine activity, or of or pertaining to such animals.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply to sections 1 through 4 of this Act.

(1) "Equine" means a horse, pony, mule, donkey or hinny.  
(2) "Equine activities" means (a) horse shows, competitions, performances or parades that involve any or all breeds of horses and any of the horse disciplines, including, but not limited to, dressage, hunter and jumper horse shows, grand prix jumping, 3 day events, combined training, rodeos, driving, cutting, polo, steeplechasing, endurance trail riding, western games, and/or hunting; (b) training and/or teaching activities; (c) boarding equines; (d) riding an equine belonging to another whether or not the owner has received some consideration in money or monies worth for the use of the equine or is permitting a prospective purchaser of the equine to ride, inspect or evaluate the equine; (e) rides, trips, hunts, or other equine occasions of any type, however, informal or impromptu, connected with any equine or non-equine group or club, including but not limited to pony club or 4-H, hunt clubs, riding clubs, school and college classes and programs, therapeutic riding programs, etc.; (f) equine racing.

(3) "Inherent risks of equine activities" means those dangers or conditions which are an integral part of equine activities, including but not limited to: (a) the propensity of an equine animal to kick, bite, buck and otherwise behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them; (b) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (c) terrain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (d) collisions with other equines or objects; (e) the potential of a participant in an equine activity acting in a manner that may contribute to injury to himself or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within his or her ability.

(4) "Participant" means a person, whether amateur or professional, who is engaged in an equine activity, mounted or otherwise, or any person assisting such participant or riding with such participant as a passenger.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 3. A person, which shall include a corporation or partnership, is not liable for personal injuries to or death of a participant resulting from the inherent risks of such equine activities and no person shall make any claim against, maintain any action against, or recover from such person for injury loss or damage resulting from any of the inherent risks of equine activities, unless and provided, however, the acts or omissions of the otherwise responsible person constitute a conscious and reckless disregard of the probable consequences..

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 4 Operators and promoters of equine activities or equine facilities (including but not limited to stables, clubhouses, ponyride strings, arenas, etc., and persons engaged in instructing or renting equine animals shall post plainly visible signs at one or more prominent locations which shall include a warning of the inherent risks of the equine activity and the limitations on liability of the operator or promoter. The immunity provided by this statute shall not be impaired by proof that no such signs were posted or were seen by the injured person.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 5. Section 3 of this act applies only to causes of action filed on or after the effective date of this section.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 6. Sections 1 through 5 of this act are each added to chapter 4.24 RCW.

**MN HORSE EXPO**

**Saturday & Sunday  
April 29 & 30, 1989**

Sat	Sun	ARENA EVENTS
10:05 -	-	CHAMPIONS BARRELS
10:15 -	10:15 -	WILD HORSE
10:20 -	10:20 -	WRR-JETS
10:30 -	10:30 -	PARADE OF BREEDS
11:00 -	11:00 -	POLO SCRIMMAGE
11:15 -	11:15 -	TRAILS BENEFIT AUCTION
12:00 -	12:00 -	INDIVIDUAL HORSE DEMOS
1:20 -	-	Egg & Spoon
1:30 -	1:20 -	WRRHC DRILL TEAM
1:40 -	1:30 -	CUTTING HORSES
2:30 -	2:20 -	DRIVING DEMO
2:35 -	2:25 -	DRESSAGE
3:00 -	2:50 -	INDIVIDUAL HORSE DEMOS
4:15 -	-	CHAMPIONS REINING
4:30 -	4:00 -	DOOR PRIZES
5:15 -	4:45 -	STYLE SHOW
6:00 -	-	MUSIC & DINNER
6:30 -	-	STALLION REVIEW
7:30 -	-	CHAMPIONS FINALS
9:30 -	-	CLOSING CEREMONY

**WAYS TO CONTROL LIABILITY**

	Party	At Your Barn	At Boarding Stable
Personal Injury Caused by Your Horse to:	Yourself	Medical insurance	Your medical insurance stable's home, farm or business insurance
	Your guest	Home or farm insurance (particularly excess liability coverage)	Guest's, your or stable's insurance; stable's contract
	A person renting or leasing your horse	Contract/insurance	Contract/insurance
	A guest of a renter or lessee of your horse	Contract/release	Contract/release
Property Damage Caused by Your Horse to:	A person not involved with horsemanship who is lawfully on the property (workman, tradesman, etc.)	Home, farm or business insurance	Contract
	A boarder	Contract	Contract
	A boarder's guest	Contract	Contract
	Another person's property (vehicles, facilities tack, etc.)	Home, farm or business insurance	Contract
Damage to Property (Including Horses for Which You Have Custody):	Other horses	Contract requiring equine mortality insurance for valuable animals	Contract
	Your own horse (self-injury or death)	Equine mortality insurance	Equine mortality insurance
	Rented/leased horses	Contract/care, custody and control insurance	Contract
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