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DON'T KNOW WHAT "REIN BOARDS" **ARE ALL ABOUT?** COME FIND OUT JUNE 14TH

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CARRIAGE

Another strange spring behind us. I wish we could dry out a little. The HDT at Nancys was wonderful, if you did not go you missed a really nice event. Crescent was so out of shape we had to skip most of the trail but did all the hazzards. I hope we all realize that we are so lucky to have a member like Nancy, her husband and parents that let us use their great farm.

Don't forget the lunging clinic on June 14th. Please mark you calenders for the Luau July 18th at Dougs.

"Keep your hooves on the ground." Faith Bradshaw



WWDC LUNGING/LONG LINING & REIN **BOARD CLINIC**

Sunday June 14th.

Starting at 9:00 at Paradox in the dressage arena. Rein boarding will be at the barn.

Cost will be \$15.00

You can bring your own horse or use one of Barbie's. If you bring you own horse you will need a surcingle OR your harness (saddle with tugs) and 2 long lines or driving reins and your driving bridle.

Bring your own lunch

Questions Call: Barbie Black 864-921-0131 or Tricia Hardy 336-751-0786 tjhardy2@juno.com

This clinic replaces our Cancelled Blowing Rock trip.

Now we need to come up with something for August! Send me or Faith your ideas.

PARADOX HDT MAY 9TH 2009

30% chance of scattered thunderstorms were predicted but they held off until we were finished and on our way home. As usuaal Nancy and her team had a wonderful day set up for us. We started with a trip around to check out the 5 hazards on the 7km trail, some of the trail was on Sweetdreams Farm, (Nancy's neighbor). We started with an optional dressage test Training 1 or Preliminary 1 with Barbie Black as our judge. Reba showed us all up by "Dressing" for presentation, she did look good though. After each of us finished our dressage test we then proceeded on to the cones course. After lunch we tackled the marathon course. I don't think we had as many hills as last year but a couple of us had to cut the course short since our horses were not

fit enough with the humidity and heat we had today. Deborah Branson was the overall winner with Tommy Cope in second place. Deborah actually drove two different pairs of ponies!

Thank you Nancy and the whole Paradox team for a wonderful fun day.

CCC CDE May 23-24, 2009

by Reba Wagner

Still enthused after completing the HDT at Paradox farm on May 9th, I decided to sign up for the CCC HDT before my nerve was gone. I signed up my daughter Claire Wagner, age 15 and Laura Michael age 15 as my grooms and navigators with only the promise of a missed day of school and a stay in a hotel. We arrived in plenty of time to learn the course and to groom horses till their blue shine hurt your eyes. We entered the dressage ring on Sat at 2:50pm and started the emotional rollcoaster ride of an ADS competition.

We were quickly eliminated with the first step into the dressage ring for having 1 too many grooms. Didn't realize that was an absolute rule not a suggested courtesy! Oh well, after nearly crying in front of the judge we pulled ourselves together. Cones was worse as my young team was too hot and plowed through several cones....laughter was heard in the stands...Bad first CDE so far. There is so much to learn.

On Sunday, with the optimism of a new day, and having eaten our troubles away with pizza the night before, we decided we could redeem ourselves in the marathon. I drove the course like it was just another drive through the woods at home and actually heard a "wow!" from one of the hazard judges as they watched my nimble team of percherons do a 360 through a little slot. Made my day; no... made my weekend!

Truly there is a lot to learn to be a true competitor in a CDE. I have got the first scary CDE under my belt, my first elimination out of the way, and have already marked my calendar for Pinetree in the fall. Count me addicted! Reba

by Tricia Hardy

Jeff & I went to the Carolina Carriage Club's CDE this weekend as vendors, I didn't think Precious was fit enough to go. We had a great time and got to watch our first CDE and be volunteers too. The on & off rain didn't stop

anyone and I will have a lot of packing for my ceramics to dry out now that we are home! Jeff actually enjoyed working on the cones course! He especially liked it when he won a \$10.00 gas card in one of the 3 volunteer drawings they held.

Low & behold Reba Wagner was there with her pair Lewis & Clark in the training division. Poor Reba got eliminated in the Dressage because she had 3 people on the carriage! Lewis & Clark were not behaving as well as they should have and she crumped 5 cones in the cones course. But on Sunday she did very well with a clean run and just about everyone cheering her on. I think this was her FIRST show, a hard way to learn by being eliminated but she took it well and was very pleased with her marathon results even though she was 3 minutes over the time limit. She did have one of the fastest times going through our hazard #1 where I just happened to be the hazard judge when she came through. I'm proud of you Reba. NEXT year we will be there WITH Precious, if I have anything to say about it!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT....

The following submitted via E-mail

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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RALEIGH

North Carolina's advocate for rural economies has some ideas about how the state's horse industry can help business down on the farm.

The Rural Economic Development Center offers recommendations on Monday on how taxpayer dollars can boost a business now valued at about \$2 billion.

The industry includes horse owners, farms, training facilities, veterinary practices, trailer and building suppliers, feed suppliers and other related operations.

The center's study is the first to estimate the equine industry's economic role in North Carolina. A 2005 economic study by the American Horse Council ranked North Carolina the country's eighth-largest state in the number of horses. Legislation is already in the works to create a state commission for promoting and expanding the horse industry.

What they are NOT telling you is that this commission will consist of 15 appointees: 4 by the governor, 4 by the Senate, 4 by the House, the NCHC President, 1 from the Dept of Agriculture, 1 from Farm Bureau, the last three being NON

VOTING members. The person who wrote this into the Survey is strongly in favor of paramutual racing. I do not see that this commission will benefit or support the individual horseowners and will probably render the NCHC powerless. Food for thought.......

WELCOME NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS:

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CONDOLENCES:

Jackie Finnochiarro lost her georgeous 2 week old Morgan filly, Friday morning 5/15/09 due to unknown causes.

My Brother-in-Law passed away Friday May 22 due to cancer.

SCHEDULE FOR 2009:

*Regardless of the event being held, visitors and spectators are ALWAYS welcome. Please come and check us out! *

June 14 Lungeing/Long Lining & Rein Board clinic Paradox Farm starting @ 9:00. See info at beginning of Newsletter. The June 13th Blowing Rock trip was **CANCELLED** due to Horse show being held there.

July 18 Luau & General Meeting 4:00pm & trail drive 9:00am

Tentative dates have been set for the following.

August 22 ANY IDEAS?????

Sept 12 Bev & I will try to work something out at TTC Bev has confirmed this date with TTC.as of 4/18/09

Oct 31 Halloween @ Paradox Nov 21 Turkey Trot @ TLC Farm Dec 5 Christmas Party (@ Tuckers???) *BYOL= Bring Your Own Lunch!

CLASSIFIEDS:

NOTE: Ads are FREE to PAID members and will run for 2 months then be deleted unless you request them to be run for another 2 months. Must be horse related, ie no washers dryers etc.

09/04 I have a single horse complete harness just like new. The set includes the driving bridle. It is

made by an Amish man that was at the Dixie Draft horse Sale. Tommy Cope was with me to help purchase it for my horse in training. Will be willing to let it go for \$300. Contact information Gayle C. Riggins 336-983-6174 brylin17@alltel.net

09/05 Looking for a 7" Liverpool Bit. Penny Brandon pennyibrandon@yahoo.com



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