



April 2010 Newsletter

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Show Schedule

Woodstock	5/2
Woodstock	5/16**
Woodstock	6/13^
Woodstock	6/27**
Woodstock	7/18^
Woodstock	7/25**
Woodstock	8/8
Woodstock	8/15**
Hebron	9/19
Woodstock	9/26^

^ Therapeutic Horsemanship class will be offered.
 ** Driving Classes will be offered.

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Membership Meetings

Fields Memorial School
 Bozrah, CT (7:30 pm)

- ~~01/26~~
- ~~02/23~~
- ~~03/30~~
- 04/27
- 05/25
- 06/29
- 07/27
- 08/24
- 09/28*
- 10/26#

*Last meeting to qualify for year end awards.
 #Not a qualifying meeting, voting purposes only.

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** COMING TO A TOWN NEAR YOU **

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - April 27th

“KICK OFF THE NEW SEASON MEETING”

Our April General Membership meeting is coming soon. This meeting will replace the March 30, 2010 Meeting. At this time all the events/activities scheduled for the March General Membership meeting will be held at the April General Membership Meeting on April 27th. So please plan on coming to the April Membership meeting, because there will be something for everyone.

*If you want to sign up for the pot luck -
 Contact Deb Luond, email: horseshowmomtoo@yahoo.com*

DON'T PASS UP A NIGHT OF FUN !!!

Just a Note: March 30, 2010 - General Membership Meeting was CANCELLED due to inclement weather.

March's Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance:	\$2,436.76
Income:	\$ 210.00
Expenses:	\$ <u>25.00</u>
Ending Balance:	\$2,621.76

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Rowley

SNEHA Information Update from The President

Thanks to Mother Nature we not only cancelled the February General Membership meeting, but now the March General Membership meeting as well due to poor weather conditions. Let's hope that the bad weather is now behind us and we will enjoy beautiful sunshine in the days ahead!

I have much to share with you as the start of our 2010 show season nears. At this time all the events/activities scheduled for the March General Membership meeting will be held at the April General Membership meeting on April 27th. Anyone interested in bringing a dish for the pot-luck should contact Deb Luond: horseshowmomtoo@yahoo.com or 860-423-2881.

We're looking for you...

If you would like to become more involved we have many opportunities for you to consider!

We are currently looking for members to fill four positions: Recording Secretary, two 2-year Board of Director positions and one 1-year Board of Director position. Anyone interested in any of these positions should submit their name to me (RSGallop@aol.com) no later than April 19th for consideration. The Board will review names received and appoint individuals at the April 20th Board of Director's Meeting. If you have any questions about the responsibilities/duties of these positions please do not hesitate to contact me.

The following committees have been formed to better serve the needs of the membership. Anyone interested in helping out or looking for more information about a specific committee, can contact the Chairperson listed.

Show Committee: Sue Wyatt: [wyatt0791@hotmail.com](mailto:w Wyatt0791@hotmail.com) or 860-556-9127

*Help is needed in many areas to help the show run smoothly, from opening gates to setting up trail. Any help you can give will be appreciated!

Patterns Committee: Dawn Albrecht: dawn.albrecht@ipc.com or 860-663-3578

Publication/Promotions: Cynthia Ann Bowen 401-821-8815 & Jennifer Chapman: myarabian@msn.com or 401-743-2900

Nominations Committee: Teri Smith 860-367-7283

Rules Committee: Deb Luond: horseshowmomtoo@yahoo.com or 860-423-2881

Banquet: Donald Beatrice: dfbeatrice@sbcglobal.net or 860-848-2494

Sunshine: Ann Avery: 860-443-1338

Restrooms/Cleaning...

Do you or someone you know have a cleaning service? If so, we are currently looking for an individual who would be interested in providing their service to clean the restrooms at the end of each show (Woodstock Fair Grounds only). The individual will also need to provide cleaning equipment/supplies. Anyone interested can contact me at RSGallop@aol.com to discuss details and cost. We need a commitment prior to the first show.

Tack Sale...

If you have any items you would like to sell or give away we will hold a tack sale at the April General Membership meeting. \$10 will reserve your table. If you would like to donate items to SNEHA, a table will be set up; profits to go toward 2010 expenses. Please contact Sue Wyatt for more information: wyatt0791@hotmail.com or 860-556-9127.

Show information...

All of the information you will need to show with us is currently available on our Website. Dates, forms, class list, updated rule book...it's all there...check it out.

New additions to the class schedule: If you haven't already heard we have added a Miniature Division to the class schedule. We will also offer a Carriage Driving Division and a Show Driving Division at four of our shows (May 16, June 27, July 25, August 15). We are also excited about a new class added to the schedule, the SNEHA Open Equitation/Horsemanship Classic. This is a pattern only class open to riders of all ages and disciplines (not open to walk/trot riders).

Stalls are available at \$30 per stall. Stalls are assigned on a first come first served basis. The individual named on this form will be responsible for payment of all stalls requested. Individuals belonging to the same barn wishing to be stabled together should submit forms at the same time. Stalls must be "poop checked" prior to your departure. Stalls left dirty are subject to \$30 per stall cleaning fee. **Stalls must be cleaned and vacated within one hour after last class is completed.**

The costs for campers with hookup is \$25 or campers without hookup is \$15.

Saturday arrival time is after 5pm. This time allows us to avoid an early arrival fee of an additional \$100.

NEHC...

We are in the approval process for holding the NEHC Junior Western/Reining Seat Medal Class and Adult Western/Reining Seat Medal Class at our June 13th show. Watch for more information on these classes.

Class sponsors....

Perhaps you would consider being a class sponsor. Class sponsors are available for \$25 per class. Forms are available on our Website, at meetings and shows.

Memberships...

Don't wait until the last minute! Get your memberships in now. This will not only help our Membership Secretary, but will also help to avoid extended waiting time in line at the first show!!

Nutrena Club Support...

SNEHA is participating in the Nutrena Club Support Program. Submit proofs of purchase from selected Nutrena products and SNEHA will earn 10¢ - 50¢ per tag! Contact Karen Downey (SNEHA program coordinator) 860-292-1046 or ksemperkd@yahoo.com. Tags can be mailed directly to Karen (26 Deerfield Dr., Broad Brook, CT 60016) or turned in at any show or meeting.

For your reading pleasure and/or in case you do not receive the Equine Journal,
here is the SNEHA article from the April Equine Journal.

Please note that these articles have to be submitted two months in advance - notice this article mentions the March Membership meeting which was ultimately cancelled after this article had already been submitted to the Equine Journal.

Happy April!!!

It is hopefully warmer weather at the time you are reading this article. Daffodils, crocus and other spring flowers are starting to show their desire to be out in the open. SNEHA activities for our upcoming show season have been underway now for a couple of months.

Just a little about our club, SNEHA or the Southern New England Horsemen's Association is an organization promoting an interest in horse shows in the New England Tri-State area. We hold open horse shows with classes for riders of all ages. Our goal is to provide the horse community with quality open shows offering over 50 classes with English, Western and Saddleseat divisions as well as Therapeutic Horsemanship, Driving and Mini classes.

An update on SNEHA news - Installation of SNEHA new Officers and Board of Directors (BOD) occurred with the following individuals/positions being voted in by the SNEHA membership:

President ~ Robin Schaedler

First Vice President ~ Lynda Whaley

Second Vice President ~ Cynthia Anne Bowen

Recording Secretary ~ Heather Rowley

Treasurer ~ Donald Beatrice

Member Secretary ~ Christin Politowicz

Point Recorders ~ Dawn Albrecht & Sally Barrett

Board of Directors ~ Ann Avery

Deb Luond

Jen Chapman

Heidi Nottelman

Dennis Dwyer

Teri Smith

Courtney Lawrence

Sue Wyatt

This group is a diverse mix of disciplines within the horse community, from Western to English to Saddleseat, as well as own horses to minis, and much more. This is a well rounded group of individuals ready to support the association and provide a great season for our SNEHA members and non-members alike.

Our March membership meeting was a very fun and enjoyable meeting. Attendees brought food of all types to share with others while a video was played of pictures from the 2009 show season. It does appear that most everyone that showed was accounted for in one or more of those pictures!!! The show photographer, Sue Henderson, did a fabulous job of capturing so many aspects of what SNEHA is all about, the horses, the people, the weather, and how much fun we all have. Oh yeah, let's not forget that little bit of stress that creeps in every once in a while and that some of us feel at times. And as we all know, it just wouldn't seem like a show without a little rain, excruciating heat, or blowing dust!!! But these things and so many more are what bring us all together.

So with that said, SNEHA is looking for people who are interested in showing and having fun!!! You may have shown with us in the past or maybe have never shown with us. It really doesn't matter as SNEHA is a good place to start any level of rider, from those who have never shown to the more experienced riders. We offer opportunities for young and old alike. Just like our horses, not everyone wants to do the same thing and SNEHA provides different levels, disciplines, and a variety of classes to choose from. And, if you are interested in being a member, that is easy. Upon submitting a membership form and paying the annual membership fee the other requirements are your attendance at 2 membership meetings and participation in 3 shows. These steps not only make you eligible for year end awards but give you the opportunity to enjoy other horse people, the fun of showing and being a member of an association that promotes our friend, the horse.

So, whether you are a year round rider or are just starting to get back into the groove for summer showing, Spring is a great time. It is time to take stock of what is in those tack boxes, including any ointments, fly sprays, etc. that may have sat over the winter and may need replenishing. Take a check that trailer brakes and lights are all in working order. It is a good time to take the horses for a pre-show trailer ride, loading and unloading them to get them reacquainted with this activity. Spring is time for us to get ready because when show season starts, time seems to go by so quickly. We will see you soon as SNEHA show season is right around the corner!!!!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact SNEHA President, Robin Schaedler, at (860) 886-8329 or via e-mail at RSGallop@aol.com.

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In case of inclement weather for any meeting or show, contact John Luond - (860) 465-7399

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