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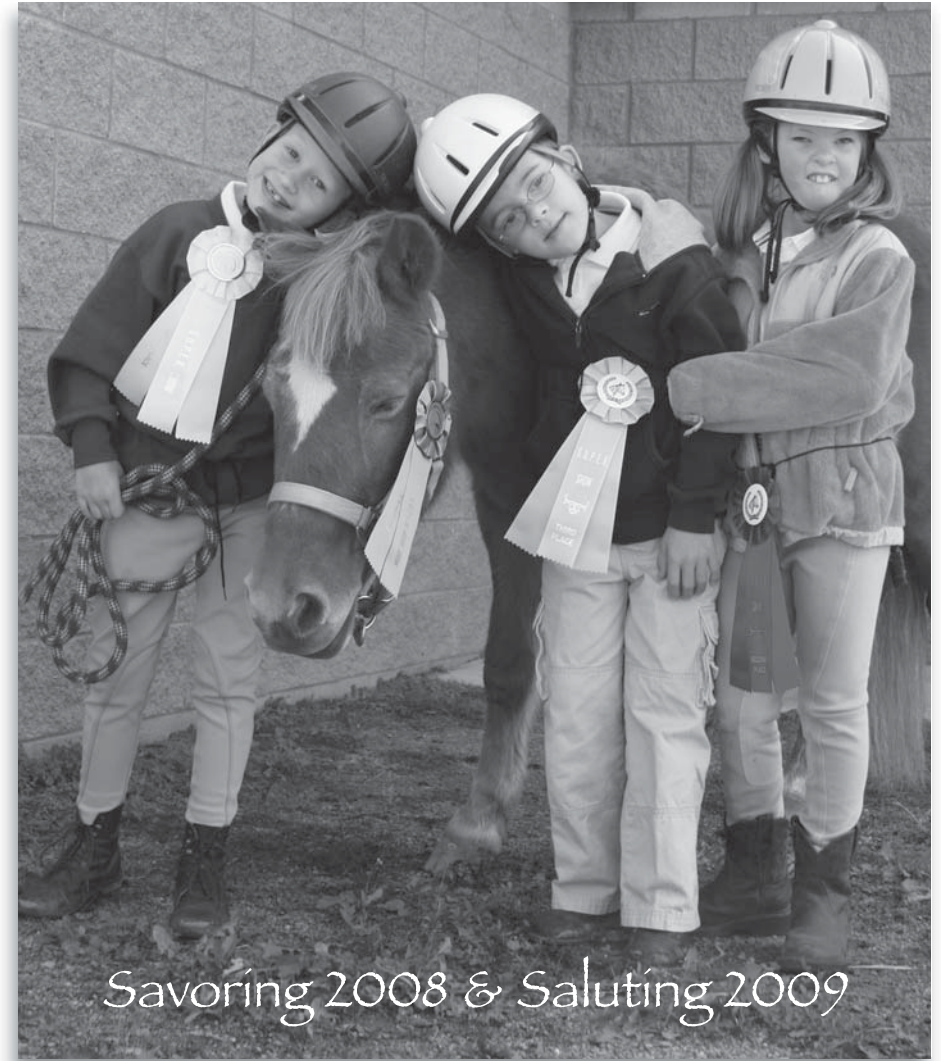
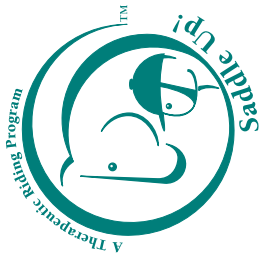


Saddle Up! Newsletter

Winter 2009



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Savoring 2008 & Saluting 2009

New President Elected • 2008 Volunteers of the Year
S.U.P.E.R. Show Highlights • Annual Award Winners



Our Mission:
to provide children & youth with disabilities the opportunity to grow & develop through recreational activities with horses

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Jill Bosse to lead Saddle Up! board

The Saddle Up! Board of Directors has elected Jill Bosse to serve as President for 2009. Jill is known by many at Saddle Up! from both her role as the mother of a program rider and as an active volunteer.

Jill was first elected as a Board member in 2006. She has served as Chair of the Marketing Committee and, in 2008, also served as Board Vice President. Jill is married to Thom Bosse and is a marketing professional with Medtronic.

“We’re very excited that Jill has committed to this leadership role,” said Executive Director Cheryl Scutt. “She brings multiple perspectives to the job and will be leading in a year that is pivotal to Saddle Up!’s future in many ways, including the fact that this is the year we’ll be doing our new strategic plan.”

Also serving as officers are:

- Kay Francis, Vice President, community volunteer
- Amy Smith, Secretary, Coda Development
- Mary Beth Gates, Treasurer and a new Board member, HCA
- Sarah Ingram, Past President, community volunteer

Six other new board members have also been elected:

- Kelly Cox, physical therapist, High Hopes
- Quick Foy, American Constructors
- Elizabeth Lewis, Dye, Van Mol & Lawrence public relations and advertising
- Art Napolitano, Deutsche Bank
- Kristy Williams, The Heritage Foundation
- Ken Wilmes, Tractor Supply Company

Continuing in their service are:

- James Armstrong, Riverview Polo Team & Nashville Polo Club
- Jim Batson, Nashville businessman
- Kathy Brim, Baptist Hospital
- Cathy Brown, community volunteer
- Lisa Craft, M.D., medical advisor
- Teri Edmonson, community volunteer
- Joe Gallivan, Lynch-Gallivan Group, Raymond James & Associates
- Susan Gritton, attorney
- Cheryl Magli, community volunteer
- Anne Morgan, Oasis Center



Jill Bosse

- James Stadler, Davidson Property Management
- Joni Werthan, Warioto Farm, Inc.

“On behalf of everyone at Saddle Up!, I want to thank all our Board members for their commitment to lead and serve,” Cheryl said. “We have a great mix of veterans and new members, which will greatly benefit Saddle Up!. I also want to thank Sarah Ingram for her service as President for the past three years, which was a period of growth and transition. She has left a wonderful legacy of leadership, and I’m confident Jill will continue in that tradition.”



Saddle Up! co-founder and Instructor Lynne Evans was honored at the *Center for Nonprofit Management's Salute to Excellence* as a finalist for the *Baptist Healing Trust Servant's Heart Award* recognizing her 19 years of excellence in service and dedication to the Saddle Up! mission. At the event are, from left to right, Morgan Plunkett, Lynne Evans, Grace Gregory.

Here comes the SUN

Yes, here comes the SUN, your Saddle Up! newsletter that’s designed to keep you informed on all that’s happening at Saddle Up!.

You’ll notice that we have a new look. We updated our design to make it more reader friendly and chock-full of news. A special thanks to our designer/editor Nancy Oglin-Swindell

for all the creativity, expertise and work she has given to the project.

For those of you who have been part of Saddle Up! for some time, the name probably has a familiar ring to it. As the song says, “everything old is new again.” The SUN, short for Saddle Up! Newsletter, was just too good not to put back in use.

We’d love to know what you think of the new look, the contents or anything else that can make your SUN more beneficial. Just pass on your opinions to Nancy at dznancy@comcast.net. Happy reading!

about the cover:

Success comes disguised with many faces: walking on your own, making friends, warm hugs and a rainbow of S.U.P.E.R. Show ribbons. Connor, Will and Ella pose for a group shot with Maddie, the Saddle Up! wonder-pony. Photo by Nancy Swindell

Facing the challenges of 2009 and the many ways YOU can help



Little Bits

Cheryl Scutt, Executive Director

As 2009 begins, the sagging economy is the elephant standing in everyone's living room, and Saddle Up! is no exception.

We know that 2009 will be challenging. At the same time, we are optimistic that – with your involvement and support – we will rise to the challenge. After all, every challenge contains at least a seed of opportunity, so we'll be carefully looking for that seed (or many seeds), planting it, and nurturing it as the year goes on.

Thanks to our Board's leadership, we have begun the year in a financially responsible and conservative position. We have reduced our budget 5% compared to the 2008 budget, and we'll be monitoring monthly to ensure that we are on track or, even better, ahead of it. We'll also be scrutinizing even more closely every penny, nickel, dime and dollar used for expenses. I frequently share that Saddle Up! is the only place I've ever seen where the hallway lights are normally left off in the office area, unless it's an extremely gray day or dark, because we don't want to spend the money for lighting. Frugality is also why we have lights for the indoor arena marked for each day of the week,

so that we use only those needed instead of lighting everything. All those little things do add up!

In addition to reducing our budget, we have decreased the number of riders served weekly, a decision that was wrenching but necessary. In 2008, we had a huge increase in the number of riders served and lessons. We started 2008 with 107 weekly participants and, for the fall session, we had 136 weekly participants. Stewardship required that we set a maximum of 120 a week for 2009. Continuing at 136 would have required additional staff – horses and human – and more volunteers, and in today's climate that was not the most prudent course of action.

We are continuing our Waitlist Provisional Riders program to make sure that children and youth on our waiting list have the opportunity to experience some of the benefits of riding or nonmounted lessons as they wait for a regular spot in the program. Because we don't have as many Waitlist spots available in lessons, we are dividing our 16-week sessions into two sessions for the Waitlist participants. That means we will be able to serve almost twice as many as if we had the Waitlist participants ride for the

entire session. We'll also continue to offer summer lessons to our Waitlist children. With more than 260 children on the waiting list, that is important.

One thing we did not do: increase the fees for lessons. As most of you know, we charge \$15 a lesson, and we offer scholarships for those families needing help. The fee is among the lowest in the nation, and it covers about one-tenth of the \$150 it costs to put a child on a horse. We may reach a point where we have to raise fees, but,

especially with the current economic challenges, we did not want to increase the financial burden of our participating families at this time.

Though the economy is challenging, we have so many, many positives going for us at Saddle Up! – a great Board, a strong core of committed volunteers, our donors and funders, our families, and a staff team that is unbeatable. These, and more, are the reasons for our optimism. So, how can you make a difference? Here are a couple of possibilities:

- ★ **Donate to the annual fund campaign.** This campaign provides funding for everything we do at Saddle Up!. It is essential to bringing our mission to life. And it's easy to do! We've included a

“Though the economy is challenging, we have so many, many positives going for us”

pledge card in this newsletter for your convenience. We can also set up monthly bank drafts, accept gifts over the phone, or online gifts at our website, www.saddleupnashville.org.

- ★ **Donate online.** As noted above, you can give to the annual fund online. You can also choose to sponsor one of our heroic horses or give to our scholarship fund.

- ★ **Support our fundraising events.** We have unique and fun fundraising events, with something for the entire family. Please mark your calendar for this year's major events: **Music Country Grand Prix on May 31; Chukkers for Charity on June 27; and Country Ride 'N Roll on September 19.**

- ★ **Volunteer.** Volunteers are the lifeblood of Saddle Up!. Volunteers founded Saddle Up!, grew it from the germ of an idea to one of the largest centers in the nation, and continue to serve in all capacities. Quite bluntly, we can not do this program without volunteers. We always, always need volunteers, so please visit the website to learn more about specific opportunities and then enroll in training.

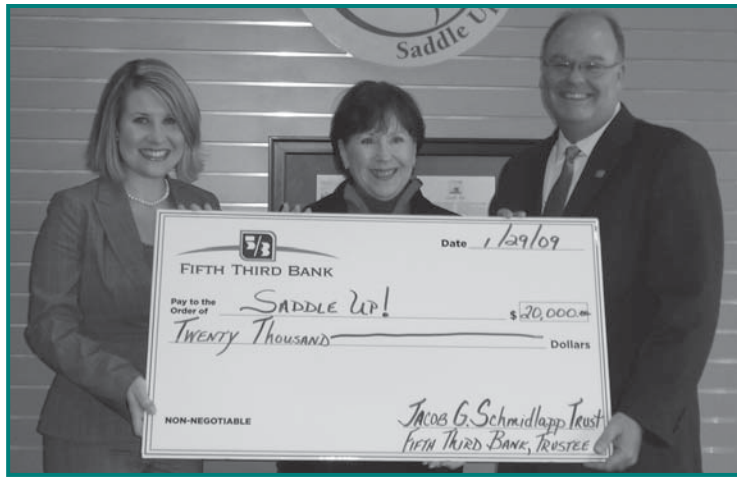
Together, we can continue to provide this special program to the children we serve and make sure that Saddle Up! remains the place, “Where all children are equal in the saddle.”



S.U.P.E.R. Show Moments

(left to right) Emma embraces her latest show ribbon; NARHA Registered Instructor Kim Light reviews the futures course with Michael; 2008 graduate Tori gets a hug from NARHA Certified Instructor Lisa McKinless.

Emily Holly, left, commercial credit analyst of Fifth Third Bank, and Joe Dillingham, right, commercial middle market manager of the bank, visited Saddle Up! to present the \$20,000 check from the Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trusts, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee, to Saddle Up! Development Coordinator Tina Carpenter, center.



Saddle Up! Receives \$20,000 Grant from Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trusts, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee

Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trusts, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee awarded a \$20,000 grant to Saddle Up!, the region's oldest and largest recreational therapeutic horseback riding program, and the only one exclusively serving children with disabilities.

"We are grateful to the Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trust and Fifth Third Bank for selecting Saddle Up! as the recipient of this generous grant," said Saddle Up! Executive Director Cheryl Scutt. "Especially

during these times of economic challenge, it is a wonderful way to start the new year. As we do with every penny, nickel, dime or dollar entrusted to Saddle Up!, we will be watchful stewards and put the funds to work to keep our riders riding."

"In representing the Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trust, I am honored with the opportunity to award some of the community's most deserving youth the chance to learn, grow and develop by participating in the equine assisted activities programs,"

said Connie White, Marketing Director at Fifth Third Bank, N.A. "Saddle Up! programs provide a safe and fun environment in which the weaknesses of a child are complemented by the strengths of a horse allowing each student to learn new skills, self confidence and sense of freedom." The Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trust is pleased to extend its resources in support of the educational aspects of Saddle Up! programs.

Saddle Up! Instructors deliver wealth of experience

You see them teaching weekly, bringing out the best in their students, but did you know that the 23 NARHA Certified Instructors at Saddle Up!:

- Bring at least 240 years in therapeutic horseback riding and equine assisted activities to their job?
- Have a minimum 105 years of

NARHA certification?

- Have worked with people with disabilities for at least 340 years?

That wealth of experience comes from a group with diverse backgrounds that include teaching, social work, recreation therapy, marketing, graphic design, music, and event management to name a

few. The Instructors' team also includes a NARHA Certified Driving Instructor, a Certified Equine Coach for the Special Olympics, and a NARHA Accreditation and Site Visitor.

And all that experience is put to work at Saddle Up! to bring our mission to life!

Recent Grants

- Discount Tire Company
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation
- Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trusts, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee
- The Junior League of Nashville
- The Memorial Foundation
- Walking Horse Trainers' Auxiliary
- Wells Fargo Bank

If you know of an organization that awards grants for which Saddle Up! may qualify, please contact Tina Carpenter, Development Coordinator 615-794-1150 extension 35 tcarpenter@saddleupnashville.org



Wells Fargo Donates Saddle Up! Development Coordinator Tina Carpenter (left) accepts a check from Sarah Weng and Sam Belk of Wells Fargo Bank.

Yes! I would like to make a donation to the Saddle Up! program with my contribution of:

- \$2,000 \$1,000 \$500 \$200 \$100 \$50 \$25 other

Please make checks payable to Saddle Up! or charge my Visa/Mastercard

#: _____ Card Expires: _____

Print Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Donor's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

- Yes, I would like more information about becoming a volunteer!

You may be able to designate your gift to Saddle Up! if your employer has a campaign for multiple agencies such as Community Health Charities, the United Way, or a company-based campaign. Please check with your campaign coordinator on how to have your donation go to Saddle Up!. We appreciate your support! Your gift may be doubled if your employer has a matching gift program.

Please see your personnel department today!

Saddle Up! is a nonprofit Section 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to help children and youth with disabilities grow and develop through recreational activities with horses. Your donation is deductible to the full extent of the law.

2008 S.U.P.E.R. Show and Annual Awards



Will



Harry and Azuri

The rain clouds disappeared and the sun shone brightly for Saddle Up!'s S.U.P.E.R. Show and Annual Awards presentation. What a SUPER day it was with 77 children riding including riders from four other therapeutic programs in

Tennessee and Kentucky. The children and horses performed beautifully, The Men of St. Paul's served delicious food and ribbons for all were the features of the day. Congratulations to all the 2008 winners!



Ashley with her dad



Eddie

Rider Award Winners

Will – Special Olympics High Point Award

Harry – Caroline Kirk Memorial Trophy-Challenged Rider High Point Award

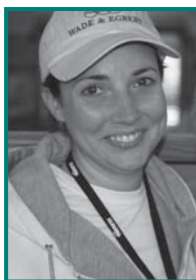
Ashley – Luella Jeffery Challenged Rider Basic Obstacle

Eddie – Lynne Evans Challenged Rider Basic Equitation

Annual Award Winners

Super volunteers make the day

This year's show could not have been as successful without the help of approximately 80 dedicated volunteers, including members of the local chapter of the American Paint Horse Association, who helped throughout the day. The show ran like clock work and everyone pitched in. The show is a very complicated event to run and the volunteer spirit helped make it seem effortless. Thank you so much for your time to make this annual event special for our riders and parents!



Carrie Archie Russell
Volunteer of the Year



Grace Gregory
Jr. Volunteer of the Year



Hayden and Biscuit
Companionship Award



S.U.P.E.R. Show riders Bryant (left) and Jonathan pause for a moment to treasure their ribbons.



Linda & Cliff Parker
Parent of the Year Award



Taegan
Sportsmanship Award



Marty Foy
Pony Pal of the Year

Sonya & Olivia Cesnik
Volunteer Family of the Year
(photo not available)



Connor
Country Ride 'N Roll High Dollar Award

The Dedicated S.U.V.

2008: Year of the volunteer

Steve Mitchell assists in lessons as well as volunteers as a Pony Pal, not to mention is very helpful when there are barn chores to be done. One of the dirtiest jobs this summer was to clean out the mats and floor of the vet stall and wash area. Unfortunately, there was a nice collection of ‘stuff’ under the mats causing drainage issues. Steve tackled this job himself! Our Barn Assistant, Teresa Barry, assumed this would take a handful of people but Steve came in early and almost had the task completed before help arrived. We really appreciate Steve’s hard work.

Tonda Alwine was nominated by one of her long-time students Bryant, who wrote, “Ms. Tonda should be the volunteer of the month because she loves to be with me and volunteers on the night I ride so she can help me. She always greets me with a happy face and a smile. Also, Ms. Tonda always wants me to do my best and is helping me to trot more! Ms. Tonda is cool. She is the best!” Well, we agree with Bryant – congratulations to Tonda.



Steve Mitchell - July Volunteer of the Month



Tonda Alwine - August Volunteer of the Month



Carol Miller - November Volunteer of the Month



Rica Howard Ford - December Volunteer of the Month

Carol Miller volunteers in lessons at least three times a week. According to NARHA Certified Instructor Lisa McKinless, Carol is very knowledgeable and loves all of her riders. She provides much appreciated feedback, praise, and encouragement. Along with helping in lessons, Carol also joins the Wednesday morning *Muck Sister* crew and is a member of our Equine Barn Team. Saddle Up! is very lucky to have versatile volunteers like Carol.

Since joining Saddle Up! in May 2007, **Rica Howard Ford** has helped in lessons and is a regular Saturday afternoon feeder. According to Kelly O’Brien, Equine Manager, Rica’s cheerful disposition and laughter adds a spark whether she is in a lesson or helping with the horses. As a Pony Pal she showers special attention on her favorite horse, Nelson. Over the recent holiday season, Rica offered to feed our herd on New Year’s Day in addition to her regular Saturday schedule. Thanks for your help, Rica.



Kim Kline, Volunteer Coordinator
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Volunteers Needed

March 21

Leaders and sidewalkers will be needed to help with the **NARHA Instructor Certification** when each new instructor has to teach a brief lesson.

April 25

Volunteer Appreciation Party
We are having a party to celebrate all of our volunteers so make plans to attend. Watch for more details.

May 29

Set up for the **Music Country Grand Prix**.

May 31

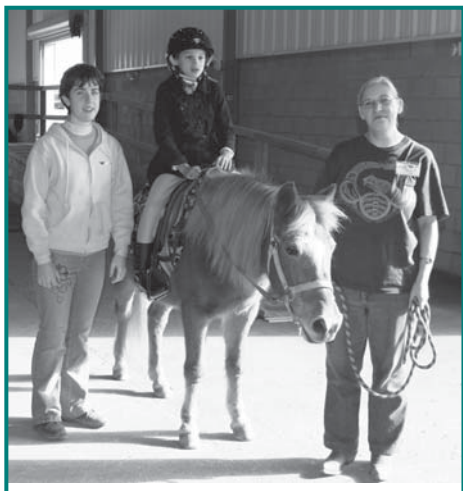
All day assistance for the **Music Country Grand Prix**.

June 26, 27, 28

Many volunteers will be needed for **Chukkers for Charity**.
- Set up on Friday
- Event on Saturday
- Clean up on Sunday

Why nominate a volunteer?

We have many outstanding individuals who donate their talents and time so this program can succeed. Take a minute of *your* time to nominate a volunteer going above and beyond the call of duty. Families, volunteers and staff may nominate a volunteer for **Volunteer of the Month** honors by completing a short nomination form available in the lobby area of the facility or on our website. *Submit yours today!*



Rider Grace aboard Maddie along with leader Stephanie Hall and sidewalker Ann Quigley wait their turn in the S.U.P.E.R. Show arena.



Community Health Charities recently hosted a dinner honoring local agency volunteers. Saddle Up! proudly sent Carrie Archie Russell (right), recipient of the 2008 Saddle Up! Volunteer of the Year award and NARHA Certified Instructor Alice Duva who nominated her for this award. Congratulations Carrie!

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NARHA Certified Instructors:

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|-------------------|---------------------|
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| Paula Brown | Melissa Mosley |
| Tina Carpenter | Jane Muir |
| Kate Cole | Kelly O'Brien |
| Anne Craig | Mary-Jo Patterson |
| Alicia Dunwiddie | Katy Reed |
| Alice Duva | Kelly Sheehan |
| Lynne Evans | Nancy Swindell |
| Judy Griswold | Lindsey Wood*, CTRS |
| Brittany Halstead | Lisa Wysocky |
| Kim Light | |

*NARHA Advanced Instructor

Lesson Assistants:

- Michelle Beatty-Eakin
- Catie Brown • Catie Byrd
- Martha Georgeson • Brittany Halstead
- Jenn Krause • Morgan Plunkett
- Ann Quigley

Contributing Photographers:

SU! Staff • Nancy Swindell

SUN Lite - News in Brief



Lindsey Wood serves on NARHA task force – and is a new mom to boot!

Saddle Up! Program Manager/Lead Instructor Lindsey Wood has been selected to be a member of the NARHA Riding Certification Subcommittee Task Force.

The NARHA Riding Certification Subcommittee is responsible for the development, implementation, and supervision of programs that train and assess personnel who provide riding instruction to individuals with disabilities. As a part of the Task Force, Lindsey will assist with research and projects as NARHA develops and updates policies and procedures.

Lindsey holds a NARHA Advanced Level Certification as an Instructor. She and husband, Nathan, are also the proud parents of Abigail “Abbie” Ruth Wood, born November 3, 2008.



Thinking outside the gift box

With an office as productive as ours, we are always in need of the basics. That’s exactly what junior volunteer Paul had in mind when he asked for office supplies and gift cards to office supply stores for his 10th birthday. We appreciate Paul for thinking of Saddle Up! on his birthday along with his friends and family for contributing pens, paper and gift cards to support his efforts. Have a great year, Paul!



“All-American Team”

Michelle Beatty-Eakin waves to the crowd at the 2008 Grand Prix Flag presentation while leading Alan aboard Nelson. NARHA Certified Instructor Melissa Mosley participates as sidewalker.

Photo takes a win

Congratulations to NARHA Certified Instructor Nancy Swindell on her recent win in the 2008 NARHA Photography Contest. Nancy submitted four photos and the photo (above) took one of six winning places. NARHA collected all the submitted photos to start a library for their website, media releases and in-house publications. “There are so many excellent photo opportunities here at Saddle Up! and I am thrilled they chose one of mine to be worthy of representing the therapeutic riding industry,” said Nancy.



We appreciate our S.U.P.E.R. Show judges who spent the day judging a lot of too close to call classes.

Staff increase knowledge at NARHA conferences

Thanks to generous grants from The Junior League of Nashville and The Memorial Foundation and two scholarships from NARHA, 15 Saddle Up! staff were able to participate in either the regional or national NARHA conference in 2008.

The conferences provide a prime opportunity for staff to increase knowledge about equine assisted programs, including teaching techniques, research in the field, administration/management, horse care and more. After the conferences, staff shared

the key information they had gained and discussed how to put it to work at Saddle Up!. Participants included 13 Instructors.

Prior to the national conference in Connecticut, Instructors Lisa McKinless and Melissa Mosley participated in the first NARHA Mentor Training Workshop, designed to improve skills and programs for training NARHA Instructor candidates. Both Lisa and Melissa earned certifications as Mentors. Saddle Up! has an ongoing Instructor-in-Training program to develop new Instructors

for the program, and it will benefit from the knowledge and skills Lisa and Melissa have gained.

Melissa and NARHA Certified Instructor Kelly Sheehan received scholarships from NARHA for the national conference.

Did you know all NARHA Certified Instructors must have a minimum of 20 continuing education hours and remain current in CPR and First Aid training each year in order to maintain their certification?



The shadows grew long but the volunteer spirit remained strong by the end of the S.U.P.E.R. Show day.



Saddle Up! merchandise for sale online

You can now shop from the comfort up your home for Saddle Up! T-shirts, sweatshirts, bags, magnets, mouse pads, mugs, and more at our new online store! Just go to our website and click on the Shop button. Simply choose the item(s) you want, order, and have it delivered to your door.

www.saddleupnashville.org/shop

Wish List

Student/Volunteer Needs

- Donations to ridership fund
- Small bottles of water

Equine Needs

- Happy Mouth snaffle bits
- English pony saddles
- Size 70 winter turnout blanket
- Size 70 rain sheets
- Medium sized bell boots
- Fly spray
- Dressage pads
- Massages
- Driving reins
- Horse & pony english leather headstalls
- Average size horse halters with adjustable chin & crown
- Gift cards from Judy's Tack

Facility Needs

- Heavy duty, 4-wheel trailer
- Gift cards from Tractor Supply and Home Depot
- 4-6 Passenger Golf Cart
- Pitch forks & muck buckets
- Low suds laundry detergent
- Horse and cat sponsors
- 3-hole punch paper for copies and printing
- Multi-media laptop computer
- Gift cards to office supply stores
- White & color 8.5 x 11 copy paper
- Small portable sound system

Year at a Glance

March

- 5 Leader Training 5 - 7:30pm
- 12 New Volunteer Training 10am - 2:30pm
- 14 New Volunteer Training 11:30am - 4pm
- 16-21 No lessons, spring break
- 19-21 *NARHA On-Site Workshop & Certification*
- 28 Advanced Leader Training 1 - 3pm

April

- 2 Advanced Leader Training 5:30 - 7:30pm
- 4 Leader Training 12:30 - 3pm
- 10-11 No lessons, offices closed, Easter
- 19-25 *National Volunteer Week*
- 25 *Volunteer Appreciation Party, 10 - 1pm*

May

- 7 Leader Training 5 - 7:30pm
- 7 New Volunteer Training 10am - 2:30pm
- 9 New Volunteer Training 1:30 - 4pm
- 16 Session 1 lessons end
- 18-31 No lessons
- 23-26 Offices closed, Memorial Day
- 31 *Music Country Grand Prix*
www.musiccountrygrandprix.com

June

- 1 No lessons, offices closed
- 2 Summer lessons begin
- 26-30 No lessons
- 27 *Chukkers for Charity*
www.chukkersforcharity.net
- 29 Offices closed

July

- 1-3 No lessons
- 2-3 Offices closed, Fourth of July
- 24 Summer lessons end
- 31 *STAR Horse Show* Lenoir City, TN

August

- 1 STAR horse show, Lenoir City, TN
- 1-6 No lessons
- 7-13 Session 2 lessons - practice week
- 14 Session 2 regular lessons begin
- 14-16 *NARHA Region V Conference, Lenoir City*

September

- 4-7 No lessons, offices closed, Labor Day
- 18-19 No lessons, offices closed
- 19 *Country Ride 'N Roll*

October

- 12-17 No lessons, fall break
- 23-24 No lessons
- 24 *S.U.P.E.R. Show and Annual Awards*

November

- 18-22 *NARHA National Conference, Fort Worth*
- 23-28 No lessons
- 26-28 Offices closed, Thanksgiving

December

- 12 Session 2 lessons end
- 14-31 No lessons
- 14-16 *NARHA On-site Workshop & Certification*
- 23-25 Offices closed, Christmas

Please visit our website for continued updates to our calendar, including volunteer trainings, clinics, and other activities.

Thank You to Our Donors

Saddle Up! is deeply grateful to each donor who chooses to make a positive difference with a gift supporting our program. Each donation is vital to bringing our mission to life. Throughout the year, we have the opportunity to spotlight your support with recognition in our newsletters. Beginning with this issue, we are expanding that recognition to list the leadership givers (minimum \$1,000 donation) who have qualified for membership in the Hoofing Society and those who sponsor our heroic horses. The initial Hoofing Society and Horse Sponsors lists include all the individuals, businesses and organizations from 2008 and those who have given to the 2009 Annual Fund campaign through December 31, 2008. If we have omitted or incorrectly listed your name, please call Development Coordinator Tina Carpenter so that we may correct your information. Also, for more information about how to join the Hoofing Society or become a horse sponsor, please call Tina. Thank you for your support.

The Hoofing Society

\$10,000 & Up

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