

# **MIDLANDS SADDLE CLUB**

## **HOOF PRINTS**

**January 2012**

MSC started off the new year with a great crowd at our January 5 meeting. The meeting was called to order by our new President Darlene Harsey, and several guests were introduced. We welcomed newcomers Sherry-Anne and Steve Smith, Kim and Travis Rentz, Jackie Nance and Vickie and Byron (BP) Gunter. We were happy to welcome back former member Regis Parsons (sp??). I am pleased to report that Sherry-Anne and Steve, Kim and Travis and Jackie all became new members at the meeting. Darlene and her grandchildren participated in the Lexington Christmas Parade in December and represented MSC. She said that a good time was had by all. Sam Smoak was the lucky winner of the door prize – a beautiful book of horse pictures, just by showing up for the meeting!

### **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSED**

- Treasurer's report – Althea did not have the current bank statement, but the balance as of 1-5-12 should be \$660.88. A few checks had not cleared as of the fifth. Ribbons for the fun shows have been ordered and the cost was \$151.25. We were able to use some left over from the Fall Show and only had to order seventeen sets.
- Cindy has some new pictures from Spann for our scrapbook, and asks that you send her any you have so that they can be included as well. She is ready to take your pictures all during the year.
- We will not order any T-shirts smaller than a Youth Medium due to the costs involved. A color has not been decided yet, but the sheet was passed around for more orders. It was suggested that the set-up costs for the shirts be paid by the Club. That will keep the price of the shirts at a reasonable rate for us to purchase them. You may still sign up for the size you need. See Althea at the next meeting.
- After suggestions were made as to which group the Club would make a donation to for 2012, we voted between Dream Riders and the Dream Equine Therapy Center. We supported Dream Riders last year, but decided to send \$200.00 to the Dream Equine Therapy Center in 2012. This is a horse rescue that one of our members, Julee Clarke, is involved with. It is a very worthwhile cause, and you can learn all about the work they do at [www.dreamequinetherapycenter.org](http://www.dreamequinetherapycenter.org). There will be an Equestrian Exchange Tack Sale of new/used horse items on February 24-26 in Charlotte, NC to benefit them. You may learn more about this at [www.equestrianexchange.com/Index.html](http://www.equestrianexchange.com/Index.html). If you have any questions after checking out these websites, please call Julee Clarke at 678-234-8506 or email her at [juleec62@gmail.com](mailto:juleec62@gmail.com).

Our club is very proud to be able to sponsor this organization. Besides rescuing horses in need, this group is also working on getting funding for a gelding clinic, probably to be held in February. They feel this is one of the best ways to reduce the number of horses that will eventually end up in a rescue situation. The very low cost of \$25 will be charged for this service, and Julee will be more than happy to talk to you about it.

### **2012 MEETING TOPICS**

February 2, 2012 We will be planning the April Fun Show events.

March 1, 2012 Our very own Kevin Scherer will speak to us about hoof care. Remember, your horse is only as good as his feet!

April 5, 2012 Bingo Night. \$7.00 per person – good Horsey prizes!

May 3, 2012 Horse Trivia Night. Test your knowledge of common and not so common equine facts.

June 7, 2012 Possible speaker from Dream Equine Therapy Center.

### **TRAIL RIDES, ETC**

January 14, 2012 Hitchcock Woods, Aiken. Be ready to ride at 11:00. Bring a bag lunch.

February 11, 2012 Giddy Swamp – Darlene and Clarence's place outside of Wagener. Be ready to ride at 11:00.

March 17, 2012 Oakland Hills Ride, Saluda. You can make a whole weekend of it, March 16-18. Camping and entertainment available.

April 2012 No firm date on St Jude ride at Lynches Woods in Newberry. Definitely not the 28<sup>th</sup>.

April 28, 2012 Spring Fun Show at Red Bank Arena. Confirmed.

May 18-20, 2012 Riding and camping at Croft State Park, Spartanburg.

June 2012 No date chosen for a ride. Possibilities include Lakeview in Fairfax. Bring your ideas for a good place to ride.

\*The Big Red Ride in Saluda and the Ward Ride are usually scheduled mid-March to mid-April. As of the meeting date, firm dates for these were not known. More info to come on these.

\*Remember, all rides are subject to change due to weather conditions.

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**NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 2 at Ryan's in Lexington at 7:30. Come early to enjoy a good meal and visit with your horsey friends. Your guests are always welcome. We will be planning the show sheet for the Spring Fun Show to be held on April 28 at the Red Bank Arena. Bring constructive ideas and be ready to volunteer your time and talents to make this show a success.

**JUST A REMINDER**

If you haven't already turned in your membership forms and dues, please be prepared to do so at this meeting. Blank forms will be available. Dues must be paid by the end of February to insure that you continue to receive a newsletter.

**SPECIAL FOR SADDLE CLUB MEMBERS!!!!**

Bebe Lane, an MSC member, is a licensed massage therapist and is offering club members 20% off massage services during the month of January. You may reach her at 803-994-9333 to schedule an appointment or discuss her services. Her company is called Balanced Bodies Therapeutic Massage and is located at David and Co Salon on Colonial Life Boulevard (near Dutch Square). She is available on Tuesdays, Wednesday mornings, Thursdays and Saturdays by special appointment. Her email address is [SCBalancedbodies@gmail.com](mailto:SCBalancedbodies@gmail.com). Give her a call and let her get those "stressed out from the holidays" bodies back to feeling good again!

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