YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Wow! September is here already, with the summer winding down. We are fast approaching the end of September and it is time to start thinking about the election of our board.

Many club members have constructive and helpful ideas that need to be heard and appreciated. We are “reinventing” the Erie Hunt and Saddle Club. We need new faces and new ideas. Consider taking a board position and help to “reinvent” our club. Serving on the board is a wonderful opportunity to support the growth and direction of EHSC. The full description of the operating chairmen is listed in the by-laws (found on the website). Please feel free to contact Ruth Orton (814-460-5265 rorton@velocity.net) for more information and volunteer for a board position. Elections will be Tuesday, September 22nd at 7 pm after a lecture/discussion on fire and barn safety.

GROUND: OPEN
Stabling: Michele Plazony
Land Development: Mark McManus
Webmaster: Andrew Tarnow
Volunteer Coordinator: OPEN

Many thanks to our retiring board members, who have volunteered countless hours: Jim Wray, Anna Gosnell, Amy Daugherty and Jan Madigan.

The Sunshine Club wants to congratulate Mike VanDamia and VanDee stables for coming to each and every one of EHSC’s activities this year!

Condolences to the family of Sally Palmer, one of EHSC’s founding members. Sally was 83 years old, and raised Arabian horses and used to run the 3 day horse shows when EHSC was just beginning. Also condolences to the family of 96 year old former member Mary Ann Harvey. Crystal Muczynski, little sister to Jan Madigan died unexpectedly on August 8th. Our condolences to Jan as well.

NEW!! Jumping Clinic for Volunteers & Their Families
Saturday, September 26th
Maximum of 6 per group. Instructor Lew Trumble

9:30am Cross Rails
10:45  2'-2.3''
12:45  2.3'-2.6''
2:15pm 2.9'-3.3''

As a special “thank you” to the wonderful volunteers that have helped the 2015 show season to be a great success. We are offering a jumping clinic with Lew Trumble to EHSC members who volunteered in 2015. It is first come, first served. Sign up by September 20th. Email, call, or text Lew Trumble at (814) 434-3319 or lewtrumble@aol.com if you want to ride. Indicate which group you would like to ride in.
EHSC CELEBRATES A CENTURY EVENT

At the August 1st, 2015 Open Horse Show III, former EHSC President Jim Hull and Donacja celebrated a “century event”. This means that their combined ages equaled 100. Jim presented Donacja at a walk, jog and lope. It had been over a year since their last ride.

Donacja came to the Hull household in 2004 from Redmond’s Wolf Spring Ranch in Colorado. She has an impressive show record highlighted by making it to the Scottsdale Top 10, the Canadian National Top 5 and winning the Arabian Region 2 (California) Championship. Although all these championships were earned in the hunter ring, Donacija showing the versatility of the Arabian Breed, became a Western Pleasure horse for Jim. At the Erie Hunt & Saddle Club, in three years of showing, she won 24 blues and 2 red ribbons.

Donacija is a “people horse” and has wonderful manners, likes being groomed and has no vices.

Those present at the August show were treated to beautifully decorated cupcakes and bottled water compliments of Donacija.

Dressage Clinic Series Continues

Several EHSC members have been busy this summer working on their dressage with Nancy Lewis Stanton. Nancy judged a schooling dressage show in July and stayed an extra day to give a clinic. She came back for a two day clinic over labor day weekend and is coming back in October for another in the series.

Nancy Stanton began riding at the age of 5. Nancy started with Hunter Jumpers and then Eventing. Her parents bought her first horse when she was 10, a 4 year old Anglo Arab. After learning how to be bucked off, they made it to FEI, competing in their first Prix St. George by the time Nancy was 15. They were invited to 6 North American Young Rider Championships, receiving team Gold and Team Bronze twice. Nancy trained Carrousel to Grand Prix before the age of 21, earning both the USDF Bronze and Silver Medals.

Nancy’s next horse Izaiah, was a power house Hanoverian. Purchased at the age of 3, Nancy trained Izaiah to Grand Prix. Izaiah won the Intermediare 1 National Championships in 1993. He was named the Chronicle of The Horse Dressage Horse of the Year, the first non Grand Prix horse to receive the Honor. They were the First Alternate for the 1995 Pan Am Games. They also received their USDF Gold Medal. Nancy and Izaiah were short listed for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. With Izaiah, Nancy had the opportunity to work with some of the top trainers in the world, including Robert Dover, Gunter Sidel, Klaus Balkenhal, Harry Boltz, Natalie Lamping, Sandie Chohany, Oded Shimoni, Karl Milkola, Jessica Ransenhousen, Carel Eijkenaar and many others. Nancy also studied in Germany with Col. Von Ziegner.

Nancy has ridden all types of horses. She has worked with juniors and adults, eventers and hunters. She has won Regional, National and All Breed awards on many different horses. In 2013, with Kris Shuler’s mare Bellatesse HTF, they were the top 4 year old at Dressage at Devon. Eventually going on to compete at the National Dressage Championships, along with her own Rhigatoni.

In 1997, along with her husband Greg and her parents Bob and Bernie Lewis, they bought Sendon Way Equestrian Center. Nancy has been involved in all aspects of the horse industry, from grass roots to High Performance, and everything in between. The family has put the farm up for sale and Nancy has more time to concentrate on her riding and training. Something she loves. She is now based out of Scenic Run Equestrian Center in Novelty, Ohio.