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President's Message

Hi members!

This weekend I had the pleasure of working the Jackie O' Ride that was held at Horse Play in Saunderstown R.I. Due to poor weather or prior commitments, the attendance to this event was "minimal". This was very unfortunate for Laura Murphy and Deidre Sharp, who had put in time and effort to prepare for this ride...which the goal was to raise money for what I see as a very good cause.

To those who may not be familiar, Horse Play is a Rhode Island based 501©3 non-profit horse rescue and sanctuary. I was given a tour of this facility by Deidre Sharp, who is the head of this organization. Deidre explained to me how this Sanctuary provides rescue and rehabilitation for horses that are unwanted, neglected or abused. Some of the horses here had been pulled off of trucks headed for Slaughter Houses.

Presidents Message Continued:

Here at Horse Play, the animal is given love, humane treatment, and proper care. The goal is to eventually place the horse in an approved adoptive home. If this is not possible, the horse will remain at the facility to live out their life in a caring and loving environment. There are presently 19 horses at the facility, 4 of which are beautiful little Mustangs. Deidre asked me for applications for herself and other rescue workers so they could join AIHA. I feel this would be a great asset to our membership.

I like a quote I read on Deidre's website. "Animals are the most agreeable of friend's, they ask no questions...pass no judgment".

So, after reading this...I thought of how AIHA has supported many events in the past...out of a desire to help these beautiful creatures that ask for our friendship and support. Not only the horses, but, the animals of the Potter league, the young adult going to college, the child who wanted to go to summer camp, the rider who wanted to try a polo lesson...and the list does go on a bit. But, anyhow..

Any member has the opportunity to utilize AIHA to support their belief or cause. Some events are better attended than others. It is what it is. I give my thanks to any member who has put forth time and effort to support their cause. As I have said in the past..I will help anyone who wants to plan an event...whatever it is.

See you at the holiday party! Rose Stabile

AIHA 2009 Calendar

AIHA Meeting Thursday, November 19th

AIHA Holiday Party Saturday, December 5th

Help Wanted: AIHA Newsletter editor wanted. Try your own style and be as creative as you like or use existing template. Contact Barbara Plante for information at 846-8445 or PlanteBL@aol.com

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

January 1st, 2010

Thank you to AIHA for their kind note about the passing of my beloved horse Dakota (formerly known as "Harley" - an ex-polo horse at The Glen). He lived a long life on my farm and was such a happy guy. He enjoyed a long retirement and was in great shape for his age, which we think was 33+ years old. I still go to his grain bin out of habit and it's been over a month now. He is sorely missed.

Warmest regards,
Dawn Cabral-Quimby

Barn Goods For Sale: Paddock/Fence gates, Electric Fence Battery Operated charger. Misc rakes, Pitch Forks, Shovels, Light Fixtures. Contact Barbara Plante at 401-846-8445

ANNUAL HUNTER PACE EVENT

Written by: Barbara L. Plante

For the twenty first year, the Aquidneck Island Horseman's Association, Inc., held its annual Hunter Pace event on October 4, 2009 at Glen Park in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

With a watchful eye on weather, volunteers held their breath for what could have been a complete wash out of an event which requires much preparation. But as the rain breezed by the forecast changed and event day was dry, with mild temperatures.

Riders enjoyed a course laced by stone walls, expansive fields overlooking the Sakonnet Bay and rows of grapes at local Vineyard, Greenvale Vineyards.

Hunter pacing is a fun social way for riders to experience a cross-country ride including jumping if desired while simulating the experience of a 'fox-hunt'. Following the event, lunch was provided which gave riders a chance to talk and exchange tales of the day.

We look forward to hosting our 22nd event on October 3, 2010 and want to thank each participant, volunteer and property owner for allowing this event to continue each and every year.

Winners are as follows:

Junior Division: Optimum Time: 2 Hours 7 Minutes

Team	Place	Name
108	1	Jackie Walker, Katie Aquarro
109	2	Kailin Krikorian, Bridget Atkins
107	3	Kaylie Quinn, Jenny Abraham
36	4	Tayla Davis, David Markell
23	5	Mary Tamburri, Emily Cason,
21	6	Caitlyn Halm, Kayla Whittier
11	7	Deborah Adams, Baily Hayan
105	8	Madison Thompson, Fay Thompson

Open Division: Optimum Time: 1 Hours 48 Minutes

Team	Place	Name
63	1	Ted Torrey, Bridget Torrey
38	2	Nicole Cristofori, Shannon Jackson
43	3	Carolyn Regan, Domonic Cammarata, Zina Baltapolous
31	4	Coleman Annie, Danielle Gauvin
57	5	Betsey MacDonald, Al Puerini
53	6	Rachel Carter, Cheyenne Fafard
19	7	Priscilla McCarthy, Megan Gracia
66	8	Leslie Anderson, Venus Felix

Club News

AIHA DUTIES LIST

Rosalie Stabile	- President
Loie Kessler	- Vice President
Lisa Murray	- Treasurer
Grace Kinnunen	- Club Historian
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Pat Grimes	- Donations Committee
Mary Raposa	- Sunshine Person
Barbara Plante	- Temporary -Newsletter
Barbara Plante	- Webmaster

Position of Secretary &
Newsletter Editor remains open.

Get well wishes are extended to Sharon Reynolds who recently underwent surgery

Best of luck to Loie Kessler on the repair to her home in Newport. A recent home fire caused excessive damage.

Condolences to Dawn Cabral – Quimby on the passing of her 33 year old gelding Dakota.



Chet Hayden & Cheryl Berna



Priscilla McCarthy



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Jackie O Soup Ride

On a fall Saturday, October 24th, at Horseplay in Saunderstown, a wonderful feast was set and the trails were marked...but due to a weather forecast that was not positive, the turnout was slim. Karen Razza, Rose Stabile and I prepared home made soups and desserts that were totally enjoyed by all. Deidre and her team at Horseplay marked a wonderful trail through the woods. Many of us hiked since we were working and not planning on riding. Big thanks to Karen and Rose for cooking and spending their day at Horseplay to support Deidre in her efforts to rescue horses. Deidre...THANK YOU and your volunteers for allowing the AIHA to ride on the conservation land surrounding you. Most of all THANKS for doing such a wonderful job taking care of horses that need homes....

Laura Murphy

ORDER YOUR AIHA WINE GLASSES TODAY.

MEMBER PRICE \$6.00

CONTACT: Laura Murphy at 401-835-2919 or

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We will arrange pick up or delivery!

Thanks for supporting your Club

Checks made out to AIHA



Two stalls available in the Co-op Barn at Glen Farm. Stalls are large and bright with daily paddock turnout. Established rotational feeding/care program in place. Beautiful grounds to ride upon including, indoor & outdoor arena, access to trails and riding instruction/training program available. Stop by to see what you are missing. Contact Barbara Plante, 846-8445 for information.

AIHA MEETING MINUTES September 11, 2009

This meeting was held at the home of AIHA President Rose Stabile. Snack's and beverage were provided by the club. One of our newest members Christine McDonald was present. The number of members for this meeting was small, but it was a nice social evening for those who did attend. Sylvia Hayden was also present to give us the latest updates from the Federation.

There were members of the Donations Committee that were present at the meeting. Lisa Murray requested a time frame be set for the acceptance of donation requests for next year. It was decided that the time frame would be March 1st, 2010 through May 31st, 2010. Applications will be available for this time frame. They can be downloaded from the AIHA website, or you may contact any Donation Committee member. For any further information contact Pat Grimes, committee Head.

AIHA wine glasses have become available. These 6oz. clear glasses have the AIHA logo printed on them. Anyone who is interested in purchasing these can contact Laura Murphy.

The AIHA Polo Event held this past summer was a big hit. Thank you Loie Kessler, for your arrangement of this Event. Members agreed that we should plan another for next year. AIHA has purchased a new tent for such events. It is 10' X 10', with attachable sides if desired. Members are able to borrow this tent for use if wanted. If you have a request to do so, contact Barbara Plante.

A reminder for the Jackie O' Ride which will be held October 24th at Horse Play in Saunderstown R.I. Members are encourage to come walk or ride the course. 100% of earnings, after cost, will be donated to Horse Play. This is the same agreement as last year.

It has been decided that our next AIHA meeting will also be our Holiday Party. This will be held November 19th, which is a Thursday. Final information concerning the location will be given out soon. Two of our members have offered their home.. final location will be decided soon. This event will be Pot Luck, each member is to bring their favorite Holiday dish. Bringing a bottle of "Holiday Cheer" to share is also very much welcomed. And, please bring a gift for the Paul Bernard raffle.



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www.countrysupply.com

and they will donate a percentage of your purchase to AIHA. Simply enter our Care Code when you complete your order. Our Code is AIHA

Pretty, 10 year old Mare for lease at Glen Farm in the co-op barn, Contact Tracy Benway at 401-829-0152 for information.

Access to trails, indoor & outdoor facilities, & riding instruction. Don't be left out in the cold this winter.



Georgie's Report by Grace Kinnunen

I introduced the new foal at the Ponies to Go Farm in the last issue as "Valentino". A white patch of hair shaped like a heart on his face seemed to be a natural reason for his name until Sabina noticed it was beginning to look like "Idaho" ... after much discussion and many votes he is now "Georgie". Georgie is thriving and is very friendly, inquisitive, and cooperative. Sabina attributes his good attitude and temperament to the traits she saw in his mare & sire's behavior. Maybe the terrible two's won't be so bad at all.

He readily accepted his halter early on and walks calmly when led. He recently had his first hoof trim and was very ok with it. The blacksmith said he enjoyed "Georgie" as he has not worked with a real young one lately.

In his spare time Georgie continues to investigate the "cavalletti" learning center ... sniffing, poking, and hopping over and around them ... not sure the latter is something that may have to be re learned! He also enjoys jumping the lower jumps on his own "Indy" was watching him intently ... I'm thinking that he is reminded of his glory days when he jumped them all ... all the time ... he is 26 now. During the pregnancy he was teamed up with the mare "Splash" and they were really close. After the foal arrived he was relegated to 'spectator' status which he did not like and told us so my crashing though the fencing to be with "Georgie" which is really good for both of them. Indy is now a "Grampy" and the two of them are totally happy to be together in the barn when night time falls.

