

Peter Tarnawskyj receives NYSHC 2018 Lifetime Achievement award

Steve Ropel giving Peter the 2018 NYSHC Lifetime achievement Award



Peter with his wife Linda. (she should get some sort of award also)



Peter was one of the founding fathers of the Western Chapter and over the years has done much to increase the Chapter's visibility and promote membership among the horse community. He has been fundamental in making Hunter Creek park in South Wales a friendly multi-use trail where bikers, hikers, and equestrian work together to improve and maintain the trails. Working with the bike clubs in the area Peter has done much to increase the respect between the bikers and the equestrians

Peter's ability to work with other equestrian area clubs is demonstrated through a founding project with the East Aurora Driving Society and the Western Chapter raising money for Knox Park Horse trails by selling Top Market cards. Tops donates 5% of the proceeds from the sale of their cards to the organization selling them. In turn that money is donated towards the maintenance of Knox horse trails and parking area for horse trailers. There have been a number of times when Pete has taken his own equipment to both Hunter Creek and Knox to work on the trails, dig holes for fencing, etc....; One such example :He was responsible for the purchase of the wooden fence and the installation of the 1500 linear feet of fence using his tractor and post hole digger and a small group of volunteers between the soccer fields and Chur Equestrian area as a safety feature at Knox farm

Peter also helped to establish the first EquiFest and most recently insured it continuation by working with the Erie County Agricultural Society to co-manage it with the Western Chapter and the NY State Horse Council for future years.

Peter has adopted and retrained several rescue horses over the years and rides whenever he can fit it into his busy schedule.

He is always willing to explain the benefits of belong to horse council to a wide variety of horse owners.