



Western Chapter President's Message

It's been a few weeks since Equifest 2022 and I'd like to thank all of you who attended, thought about going but something came up and even thought about maybe joining the Western Chapter. There were 20 of you who attended and took advantage of the \$5 discount to join at the event. I'd especially like to thank you.

Becoming a member and adding to the ranks is an important step in looking out for our horse community. As is often said "there's strength in numbers" and it's important to have a roster of folks who can step up and help when an issue that may adversely affect our community arises. And for those that didn't take advantage of the special discount at Equifest and are reading this now on our "free" webpage or on a printed second hand copy that your friend who is a member so graciously passed on to you, I would encourage you to sign up now anyway and not wait on the hope that if you wait till next year there will be another stupendous membership offer at Equifest 2023.

I also want to thank all of our present members for continuing on and encourage you to take advantage of the clinics and other events planned for this year. Also, I would encourage any member, or for that matter anyone in the horse community, that has an idea for an event, activity, issue that needs addressing or other item that should be considered to contact an officer or board member for assistance in moving the item forward. Lets all have a happy and safe trail riding/showing/rodeo/driving/etc. season.

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Western Chapter Events Being Planned for 2022

- Trail Ride and Picnic – May at Knox Farm (date to be announced)
- Horse Playground Obstacle Course - South Ripley, New York (Date to be announced)
- Hitching Your Horse or Pony – date and location to be announced.

Horses and Spring

Does your horse become more flighty, hot and silly in Spring? With new grass growth and return to training after the winter break, many horse owners complain that their horse is too fresh, anxious or nervous during this time. This behavior is often called 'Spring Fever'. That first flush of grass, especially after some rain, can be loaded with simple sugars to fuel quick growth of new pasture. However, this high sugar content increases the energy level of the pasture grazed, giving your horse a sugar hit! Fortunately, careful management in feeding and turnout can help protect your horse from health risks like laminitis and colic caused by high levels of fructans in grass. The key is to build up time on grass slowly.

The vaccines that SHOULD be given in the spring are the ones that prevent against diseases spread by insects such as mosquitoes. As the weather warms up, insects reemerge, and the risk of being infected by diseases that they carry will increase. West Nile Virus and EEE/WEE are both transmitted by mosquitoes, so these vaccines should be given prior to the start of "mosquito season".

If you are planning on showing your horse or taking them off the farm to public places, then you should consider some of the risk-based vaccines. Your Vet can provide you with the information which is best for you and your horse.

THE MORGAN HORSE AT EQUIFEST

It was a great time being back at Equifest 2022 and being able to meet many Morgan horse enthusiasts. The New York State Morgan Horse Society has been an active breed organization in NY since it's beginning in 1952. Ironically it was formed in Western NY by a group of Morgan breeders and officially chartered at Akron, NY on June 29, 1952. The original membership was 16 members and now has a membership of about 160. The club is open to anyone interested in the Morgan horse and ownership is not a necessity in fact many have no horses at all. Anyone interested can go to our website nysmhs.org and check out all the shows, awards program and other activities and download membership forms.

On May 27-29, 2022 at Showplex, Hamburg, NY there will be the WNY Morgan Show featuring Morgans and Saddlebreds but also offering academy, opportunity classes and opportunity western dressage open to all breeds. There is also a terrific youth contest open to anyone from walk-trot to senior. Go to wnymorganshow.com and check it out.

Am looking forward to 2023 Equifest and hope to bring some Morgan horses with us for the Parade of the Breeds.

Thank you, Donna Fox
Western director and Membership Chair of NYSMHS
And Owner of American Heritage Morgan, Lyndonville, NY

New York State Equine Resource

The NY State Horse Council has put a New York State Equine Resource book which can be viewed online at <https://nyshc.org/index.php> Check it out on the website.

Champion Hill Farm, LLC has been selected as Akron's best local business for 2022!



I woke up this morning to find this announcement in my email!

Champion Hill Farm, LLC has been selected as Akron's best local business for 2022! I am humbled as we have many fabulous business offerings in our growing town and community!

It reminds me of "The Little Engine that Could" when 18 years ago I moved away from home and just did it! From driving around in my little Honda Civic to give riding lessons in corn fields at clients homes to recently putting on an addition and sharing this dream and life with my husband and son.

Thank you Akron! We are proud to call you home! Josh Piatt and Olivia Doult Piatt

Western NY Equestrian Team and the IEA

The Interscholastic Equestrian Association, also known as IEA, offers a wonderful opportunity for youth in grades 4 – 12 to participate in competition during the school year without having to own a horse. The IEA is celebrating its 20th anniversary season and it continues to grow year after year. This season, a record was set for membership which was more than 14,135 active members nationwide. IEA began in 2002 with 175 riders on 13 teams and has now become the largest youth equestrian organization in the country, and the largest feeder organization to collegiate equestrian programs.



The mission of IEA is to introduce students in private and public middle and secondary schools to equestrian sports. The IEA supports three disciplines; Hunt Seat, Western, and Dressage. Hunt Seat teams can compete in Equitation on the flat and/or Over Fences. Western teams can compete in Horsemanship and/or Reining or Ranch. Dressage teams can compete in Test and/or Dressage Seat Equitation. Classes are offered in four ability levels: beginner, novice, intermediate, and open. Riders in grades 4-8 are eligible for Middle School while riders in grade 9-12 compete at the High School level. Points are tracked for individual rider accomplishments AND for overall, team accomplishments. Individuals and teams earn points to qualify for regional, zone, and national finals.

One of the greatest parts of joining IEA is that you do NOT need to own a horse to become a member. Students ride horses that are furnished by the host barn and chosen by random draw. The use of personal tack is not allowed and schooling is not permitted prior to showing. This equalizes competition variables and tests the horsemanship of the contestants. Teams take turns hosting horse shows throughout the season which begins August 1st and ends at the National Finals in late spring/early summer.

There are numerous benefits for its members, coaches, and barns with IEA Teams. Not only do riders get to be involved in a team sport but they have the opportunity to ride an assortment of horses, some with a high level of training and capabilities, which they might not ever have the opportunity to lease, own, or show otherwise. It gives increased teaching and coaching revenues to the coaches and introduces showing for students without horses, at various levels of abilities, and those without the financial means to show at larger shows.



Students have the opportunity to earn scholarships toward their college education through awards in competition and through sportsmanship activities. In 2011, the IEA established the Benevolent Fund to assist riders and coaches in need through programs such as the IEA Financial Assistance Program and the IEA Coaches Assistance Grant.

Membership is open year-round with most regular season shows happening between August and February. Registration for the 2022-2023 season will officially open in May 2022. The membership fee for coaches and riders is \$60.

A local team that participates in IEA is the Western New York Equestrian Team. This western team practices at Nash Hill Equestrian Center in Gowanda, NY. The team consists of 24 riders this year and is coached by Heather Payne. Last year, their middle school team and 6 individual riders qualified for and competed at IEA Nationals in Fort Worth, TX during the APHA (American Paint Horse Association) World Show. The Western NY Equestrian Team always welcomes new riders to join their team each year. Coach Payne recommends that new riders start taking lessons during the summer prior to the competition season so they can be prepared for their first show. Coach Payne said, "One of my favorite parts of coaching an IEA team is being able to take riders with little or no experience and teach them the skills that they need to win at these shows. I also love the reining. Most of our riders do not own a reining horse and most have never done reining or might never have the opportunity to ride a well-trained reining horse, IEA gives them that opportunity. I love seeing the riders excel and fall in love with a new sport that they may never have known about if it wasn't for IEA. It's also a wonderful way for my riders to improve their skills on a variety of horses; it helps them become better riders when it comes to their own horses as well." Home of the WNY Equestrian Team, Nash Hill Equestrian Center, is a state-of-the-art facility located at 10999 Persia Road in Gowanda, NY has been newly renovated and offers boarding, training, lessons, facility rentals, professional saddle fitting, and more. Nash Hill is also the home of Allegany Mountain Saddlery owned by Staci Saulter, professional horsewoman and saddle fitter.

In addition to being head coach for the WNY Equestrian Team, Heather Payne owns and operates Payne Show Horses and brings over 25 years of experience in the equine industry with 19 of those years as a professional. She graduated in 2003 from The University of Findlay in Ohio with an A.A. in Equine Science. Contact Heather at (716)640-1133 or wnequestrianteam@yahoo.com for more information about joining IEA. More information can also be found at www.rideiea.org



Jeff Wilson Clinic

A special thanks to MK Quarter Horse for allowing the Western Chapter to hold the Jeff Wilson Clinic April 1-3 at their lovely and spacious arena. There were 11 riders ranging in age from 16 to 70, as well as all breeds of horses, including grades, quarter horses, gaited horses, Friesian, and Morgans. Friday night Jeff demonstrated a dressage pattern which on Sunday everyone would have a chance to show many of the movements they had been working on during the clinic. The MK Rodeo girls and their parents provided snacks and lunch for everyone. Funds raised will help the Rodeo Girls compete throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone who came, rode, or audited. Please see the photo on the back page.

Equine Specialty Hospital
17434 Rapids Road Burton , Ohio
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The Equine Specialty Hospital is committed to providing the best in equine internal medicine, surgical, diagnostic, and rehabilitative services for all equine patients. The best possible treatment is provided by board certified surgeons, registered veterinary technicians and veterinary assistants. The hospital is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to optimize quality care and to facilitate the needs of our patients and clients. Only 3 hours away from Western New York. Your horse can be seen on an emergency or appointment basis. A referral from your veterinary is not required. If you are bringing your horse in on emergency, it is important that you **call the hospital in advance of coming.** It is the priority of our professional staff to take the time to explain the horse's medical condition to the owner so that informed decisions can be made.

We are proud to provide veterinarians, horse owners, trainers, and enthusiasts the best in specialized equine veterinary medicine. The hospital is among the best equipped facilities in the country with a full array of diagnostic modalities including MRI, Nuclear Scintigraphy, Digital Radiography, Digital Ultrasonography and Endoscopy.

The facility has a fully equipped in-house laboratory, 27 stalls, isolation facility, neonatal intensive care unit, treatment rooms, and two surgical suites. A rehabilitation and conditioning center is equipped with therapeutic laser treatment, cold compression therapy, and a water treadmill.

Upcoming events – 2022

Date	The Event	Contact
April 23 & 24	Mothersfield Gymnastic Jumping Clinic, Mothersfield Farm, Avon, NY.	www.gvrdc.org
May 1	NC4H Schooling Show – English, Western, & Gymkhana. 8am.	Karen Randall – 716-439-1865 or Cheryl Bish – 716-439-4499
May 7	Leg Up Stables Hunter/Jumper Show, Geneseo, NY.	www.legupstables.org
May 14	NC4H Miniature Horse Show. 9am.	Terri Seidel – 716-772-2390
May 14	Irish Rose Summer Classic Dressage Series.	www.gvrdc.org
May 21	NC4H Open Show – English, adult, youth, and walk/trot. 8am.	Karen Randall – 716-439-1865 or Cheryl Bish – 716-439-4499
May 21	Church Hill Stables Open Horseshow Series, Hilton, NY. 8am.	Karie Mann, 585-330-7624
May 21	WNYCCA Combined Test and Continuous Drive at the Avon Driving Park.	www.wnycca.org
May 22	NC4H Open Show – Western & Gymkhana, adult, youth, & walk/trot. 9am.	Karen Randall – 716-439-1865 or Cheryl Bish – 716-439-4499
May 29	Northampton Driving Society Cones Event at Sonnenberg Gardens.	
June 4	CCTRs Family Fun Game Show, 3560 Gerry-Levant Rd., Falconer, NY. 8am.	Jessica D'Angelo – 716-720-3909 or Anne Lynch – 716-287-4474
June 4	CVCA Novice Driving Clinic at Sheffield Farms.	
June 4 & 5	CANCELLED NC4H AMHR Pointed Miniature Show. 8am.	Terri Seidel – 716-772-2390
June 5	GVRDC Spring Horse Trials	www.gvrdc.org
June 8	GVRDC Cross Country Schooling	www.gvrdc.org
June 11	GVRDC Cross Country Schooling	www.gvrdc.org
June 11	Church Hill Stables Open Horseshow Series, Hilton, NY.	Karie Mann, 585-330-7624
June 11	NC4H Open Show – English, adult, youth, and walk/trot. 9am.	Karen Randall – 716-439-1865 or Cheryl Bish – 716-439-4499
June 12	NC4H Open Show – Western & Gymkhana, adult, youth, & walk/trot. 9am.	Karen Randall – 716-439-1865 or Cheryl Bish – 716-439-4499
June 14	GVRDC Twilight Dressage	www.gvrdc.org
June 16	GCPC Twilight Jumper Series	Meg Lloyd – megcoynnelloyd@gmail.com
June 18	NC4H Miniature Horse Show. 8am.	Terri Seidel – 716-772-2390
June 18	Irish Rose Summer Classic Dressage Series.	
June 18 & 19	GVRDC Driving Clinic at Hideaway Farm, Geneseo, NY. Stabling available.	www.gvrdc.org
June 19	Northampton Driving Society Pleasure Show.	www.northamptondrivingsociety.org
June 19	NC4H Open Western/Games Horse Show. 9am.	Karen Randall – 716-439-1865 or Cheryl Bish – 716-439-4499
June 24	Leg Up Stables Friday Night Jumper Show	www.legupstables.org
June 25	Leg Up Stables Hunter Show	www.legupstables.org
June 25	NC4H Hunter/Jumper Show.	Karen Randall – 716-439-1865 or Cheryl Bish – 716-439-4499
June 26	GVRDC Firecracker Derby	www.gvrdc.org
July 2 & 3	NC4H AMHR Pointed Miniature and Shetland Horse Show with 4H classes.	Terri Seidel – 716-772-2390
July 7	GVRDC Twilight Dressage	www.gvrdc.org
July 7	GVPC Twilight Jumper Series.	
July 8-10	NC4H Regional Horse Show for registered 4H Youth only. English, dressage, western, & gymkhana.	Karen Randall – 716-439-1865 or Cheryl Bish – 716-439-4499
July 9-10	GVH Horse Trials	www.geneseevalleyhunt.org
July 15-17	Lorenzo Driving Competition.	www.lorenzodriving.org
July 16	CCTRs Judged Trail Ride, 3560 Gerry-Levant Rd., Falconer, NY. 9am.	Anne Lynch – 716-287-2274 or Kaleena Rodriguez – 716-708-9202
July 16	Leg Up Stables Hunter/Jumper Show.	www.legupstables.org
July 16	NC4H Open Show – English, adult, youth, and walk/trot. 8am.	Karen Randall – 716-439-1865 or Cheryl Bish – 716-439-4499
July 17	NC4H Open Show – Western & Gymkhana, adult, youth, & walk/trot. 9am.	Karen Randall – 716-439-1865 or Cheryl Bish – 716-439-4499

EQUIFEST 2022

Old Friends And New







WNY Equifest



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NEW YORK 2022



In case you missed EquiFest we have brought a bit of it to you- Hope to see in 2023.



The Chautauqua County Trail Riders Presents Our Judged Trail Ride On July 16, 2022



At The C.C.T.R. Club Grounds
3560 Gerry-Levant Road, Falconer, NY 14733
Registration at 9:00am Ride out starts at 10:00am

A pot luck lunch will be served after the competition (a dish to pass will be greatly appreciated) our Club will provide hotdogs and drinks. Lunch will be followed by Prizes and Ribbons 1st – 6th place.

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| 1. Jr. 1 (to 12 years old) | 5. Sr. Cowgirls (51 & over years old) |
| 2. Jr. 2 (12 to 18 years old) | 6. Sr. Cowboys (51 & over years old) |
| 3. Cowgirls (19 to 50 years old) | 7. 4-H |
| 4. Cowboys (19 to 50 years old) | |

- **Classes: (all ages as of 1/1/2022)**
- **Helmet use required per NYS law)**

- **Classes: 1.-7. are \$30.00 & C.C.T.R Members & Non-competing RIDERS ARE \$15.00**

Judged Trail

Competitors will ride on a marked TRAIL AT their own pace (this ride is not timed).

Our judged trail ride tests a horse and rider on their ability to work as a team and navigate obstacles which they may experience on a trail. Judged trail rides can be a lot of fun and improve the relationship between Horse and Rider by introducing them to new experiences.

The horse and rider will encounter various obstacles and sometimes challenging trail situations, which will better prepare the horse and rider to negotiate them with accuracy. Through education and experience, riding becomes more pleasurable. Each obstacle will encourage education, safety and fun. Each obstacle is judged on how the partnership works together. This working team should negotiate each obstacle with calmness and patience, moving safely through the obstacle. Horses should show awareness, be attentive and not spook, shy or spin. The horse should not stumble, tick or clip obstacles. Riders are limited to 3 refusals at each obstacle, or a maximum of 3 minutes to successfully navigate the obstacle. It is the judge's discretion on excusing a participant for safety reasons.

FOR INFO: KALEENA RODRIGUEZ (716) 708-9202 OR ANNE LYNCH (716) 287-4474

Chautauqua County Trail Riders' a Bit of History

Chautauqua County Trail Rider's was formed over 65 years ago to provide a place for our members and friends to enjoy their horses. We have a spacious Club House, primitive camping, an Outdoor Arena, limited trails, covered stalls and a small obstacle course that are available for our members at all times and our guests during events. We are located within easy driving distance of Pine Hill Equestrian Trail System, the CCETS and the Chautauqua County Rails to Trails in an active Equestrian area.

In 2022 we will offer a Family Fun Game Show series, Obstacle Challenges, a Driving Clinic and several Trail Rides.

Check out Chautauqua County Trail Riders FB group page for daily updates.

Western Chapter Business Membership's Free Listing

NAME	WHAT THEY DO	CONTACT	PHONE
American Heritage Morgan Farm	Board, Breed, Train,	Donna Fox	(585) 735-5322
Amy Hanssen Training Center Inc	Board, Train Lessons and Show	Amy Hanssen	(716) 735-7988
Aurora Trail Riders Inc	Trail Riding club	Alexis Dickerson	(716).655.9929
Begin Again Horse Rescue, Inc	Rescue and Rehome	Harriett Rubins	(585) 322-2427
Big House Stables	Lessons, Training, Boarding	Susan Kelley (Centered Riding)	(585)-507-3397
Clydes Feed & Animal Center	Feed & Animal Care	Jim Millspaugh	(716).648.2171
Equine Essence	Intuitive Equine Connection	Nancy Proulx	(716) 481-9812
Green Mountain Nutritional Services,	Equine Supplements, Hay Testing	Jim Miller	(716).523.0018
Ike Fencing	Fencing, Brush Hogging, Land Clearing	Kim Dauria	(704) 258.1193
J&K Agriculture Inc	Professional Fence Installation	Joellen Stender	716-337-3548
JTB Equine Care Solutions	Riding Instruction & Training	Jennifer Berard	716-512-2602
Kinship With Horses, LLC	Private Coaching, Lessons, Clinis	Gail Pearles	(716) 982-5180
Laurelin Farm	Lessons, Training, Boarding	Caroline North	716-532-9434
Lollypop Farm, r	Humane Society of Greater Rocheste	Lauren Guerrero	(585) 223-1330 x193
Lorick Stables Inc	Breeding, Training & Showing Friesians	Rick Butts	(716) 745-3611
Lothlorien Therapeutic Riding Center	Therapeutic Riding Center	Maggie Keller	716-655-1335
Massage & More Equine Therapy,	Equine Therapeutic Body Therapies	Terry Crisafulli	716.474.6786
MK Quarter Horses	Boarding, Lessons, Sales, Training	Melissa Kosser	579-204-5281
Nash Hill Equestrian Center the New Nash	Home Of Allegany Mountain Saddlery. Boarding, Lessons and Training	Staci Saulter	(716) 257-9543
Orchard Park Equestrians	Boarding, Lessons	Istvan Hernek	716-667-7669
Sand Meadow Farm	Icelandic horses, sales, boarding, Lessons	Andrea & Steven Barber	(585) 624-4468
Sunshine Horses, Inc.	Horse Rescue Facility and Adoption	Mary Minkoff	315-456-9380
Wolcott Farm 4 Seasons of Fun	Lessons, Leasing, Sales, Trail Rides	Bryttany Ward	585-786-3504

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Participants in the Jeff Wilson Horsemanship Clinic