



# HORSE SENSE

## The Tuckahoe Equestrian Center Newsletter

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Wednesday  
March 17

Adkins Arboretum  
7 pm

Speaker:  
Janice Rende Davis

"What is NOT "standard"  
about  
Standardbreds

OK, here's the usual March announcement...

IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP  
FOR 2010,

**THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER YOU SEE.**  
**Just re-read our Calendar of Events—more changes and additions  
will be coming...you don't want to miss out.**

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING February 17, 2010 (UNAPPROVED)

Paul McMullen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Joyce Bell introduced the guest speaker, Jane Rhoades, Master of the Wicomico Hunt who gave us an enlightening presentation on the Wicomico Hunt.

The business portion of the meeting resumed at 7:34 p.m. and a motion was made, seconded and passed that the reading of the minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting be suspended and the minutes accepted as printed in the February 2010 newsletter.

Paul McMullen read the Treasurer's report and noted an ending balance of \$4,735.76 in the checking account and \$32,455.12 in the CD account.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Sunshine:** Sandy Schwaninger reported that she sent cards to Sarah Donaldson on the loss of her horse, Phyllis Spies who is back home from the hospital, Lemuel Kinnamon who went back into the hospital and to Dale Kinnamon who had an accident in the snow.

**Trails:** Joyce Bell reported that there will be a ride at Idylwild on March 20 and the Hope House Ride will be rescheduled for another month. She encouraged everyone to plan to attend the Cedarville Ride in April.

**Parades:** Dale Kinnamon was not present and there was no report.

**Membership:** Burt Brodt reported that membership is increasing because of renewals—240 members (newsletters) and over 422 membership cards have been logged.

**Outlaw Days:** Meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 was canceled because of snow and the next meeting is tentatively being set up for Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Adkins.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Banquet:** 2010 Banquet has been rescheduled to March 6, 2010 at Ruthsburg Community Center.

**Federal Training Center:** Royce Herman and Rob Creel attended (as did some other members) the work groups and the public meeting held at Queen Anne High School on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 to learn of the plans for the training center. Basically there still is not a great deal of detailed information. There are plans and proposals for noise abatement and the intersection at 301/304 is recognized as an issue and is on the table to be studied as part of the overall plan. They plan to reclaim all lead used on site and all shooting of firearms would be done in an indoor range. They plan a mixed 300 foot buffer to include berms, fencing and conifers. There is another information meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at the high school at 7:00 p.m.

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**Judged Pleasure Ride:** Patty Kemp is still looking for judges for her JPR at Blackbird. Perhaps some of the youth would be interested? Contact Patty if you can help.

**Youth Group:** The Youth Group was snowed out of their February 13 meeting and will be meeting this Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Batter's Up in Ridgely—no horses. They have received a \$500.00 donation from DECO Recovery for participation awards.

**Halloween Decorations:** Ellie Altman(Adkins Arboretum) has agreed to let Eastern Shore Jousting Association and TEC purchase Adkins Arboretum's half portion of the decorations we purchased jointly several years ago and has committed to allowing us to borrow the generator if needed.

**External Affairs:** Royce Herman noted that the Laurel & Pimlico Race Track auctions did not occur on February 10 as originally planned and they will be rescheduled. He also noted that he is looking for volunteers who reside in Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester and Wicomico Counties to be involved with trying the get their local commissioners' zoning regulation changed so that equine activities are "permitted uses" on agricultural lands in these counties as Queen Anne's County did this past year. Contact Royce if you are interested in this effort and he will guide you.

**Building Committee:** Jack Doub and Gail Clark-Brodt will be meeting with the Queen Anne's County folks to discuss the reserve septic area requirements next week.

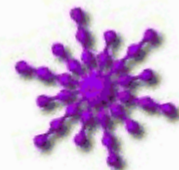
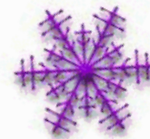
**NEW BUSINESS**

**Trick Clinic:** Linda Doub men-

tioned that there is a trick clinic with Casey Shores on March 6 if anyone is interested in teaching their horses to do tricks.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa I. Ritter



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2010

\*\*\* means event or leader is not yet confirmed

REMEMBER TO CALL THE CONTACT PERSON ABOUT A RIDE IF THE WEATHER OR  
EVEN JUST THE TRAIL CONDITIONS ARE QUESTIONABLE.

### MARCH

**Sat Mar 13:** Youth Club at TEC 9 am -1 pm

**Sun Mar 14:** Wicomico Hunt Club Open Hunt 11 am. For location, directions and details, see Page 5.

**Wed Mar 17:** Monthly Meeting at Adkins 7 pm—Speaker: Janice Rende Davis “What is NOT ‘standard’ about Standard-breds.” All about pacers, trotters, racing, riding or biting them.

**Sat Mar 20:** Idylwild Ride Leave from Horseshoe Parking at 11 am, pack a lunch, we’ll ride 2-3 hours. Sandy Schwaninger to lead: 410-924-2623

**Rescheduled: Hope House Ride** Joyce Bell 410-820-6002  
*This ride is to be rescheduled to a drier month. Stay tuned.*

**Sat Mar 27:** Easter Bunny Ride /Drive—Mock Hazards & Tack Swap at TEC. Tack Swap goes all day 10-4. Tables (\$5 per table) on a 1st come, 1st served basis. (Can bring own table.) Horse-y/ farm stuff only. No junk, please. Pao Lin Hatch (c) 240-274-6180 or paoball2000@yahoo.com.

### APRIL

**Sat Apr 3:** Riding 4 A Cure at C & R Center, Felton, DE, Contact: Denise Hill dh3261@aol.com 302-349-5949 Ride at 10 am, \$30 per rider. Join this ride and support the fight to find a cure for breast cancer.

**Tues Apr 6:** 3rd OD Planning Meeting 7 pm TEC

**Sat Apr 10:** TEC property used for wedding. No riding.

**Sat Apr 10:** Rosaryville Ride Contact is Joyce Bell 410-820-6002 . Camp at Cedarville for night then next day...

**Sun Apr 11:** Cedarville Ride

**Thurs Apr 15-Sun Apr 18:** Stargazers camped at TEC

**Sat Apr 17:** Casting Call for Outlaw Days Shows 10:00 am at TEC

**Sun Apr 18:** Judged Pleasure Ride at Blackbird State Forest in Delaware Patty Kemp 302-222-2017

**Wed Apr 21:** Monthly Meeting at TEC 7 pm

**Fri Apr 23—Sun Apr 25:** Spring Fling Invitational #2 (Sandy Schwaninger) with Youth Group, Sunday.

**Sat Apr 24:** Bill Mills Scavenger Hunt Adina Barnett is contact: 410-758-2251 or barnettadina@gmail.com

### MAY

*Look for Maryland’s 2010 Horse Census coming in May—fill it out and return it!*

**Sat May 1 and Sun May 2:** Spring Round Up, Amelia, VA

**Sat May 8:** Youth Group at TEC, 9 am—1 pm

**Sat May 8:** OD Show Rehearsal 10 am TEC

**Sat, Sun May 8- 9:** Eastern Shore Trail Ride, Eastern Shore of Virginia near Exmoor on Delmarva. Contact: Alan and Kathee Gladden.

Details and contact info at their web site:  
www.easternshoretrailride.com

**Sun May 16:** Stan Schmidt Speed Show #1 Registration 9 am, First event 10 am Jeanene Glover 410-754-9038

**Sun May 16:** Joust at TEC 10 am Mason Platzke 410-829-0095

**Wed May 19:** Monthly Meeting at TEC, 7 pm VMC: “Is my grass too Green”

**Sun May 23:** Draft and Very Little Equine Show at TEC—Pao Lin Hatch (c) 240-274-6180 or paoball2000@yahoo.com

**Sat May 29:**

**Mid-Atlantic Joust** TEC 1 pm Paul McMullen 410-482-2176  
**Ladies Invitational Joust** TEC Donnie Sherwood 410-364-5172

**Sherwood Trophy Challenge** (follows Day Joust) Donnie Sherwood 410-364-5172

### JUNE

**Sun June 6:** St. Jude’s Ride at TEC. Contact: Karin Strange 410-490-2941 or babusina@yahoo.com. Please do not park ANYWHERE in front jousting field, as a jousting event is being held at 1 pm. Thank you!

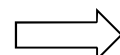
**Sun June 6:** Spring House Joust TEC 1 pm Buck Schuyler 410-482-2176

**Tues June 8:** 4th OD Planning Meeting 7pm TEC

**Sat June 12:** Ride at Rockburn - Joyce Bell 410-820-6002

**Sat June 12:** Haflingers Fun Day at TEC, 10 am

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**Sat June 12:** OD Show Rehearsal, 10 am TEC

**Sun June 13:** Curtis Harvey Memorial Joust 1 pm TEC  
Buck Schuyler 410-482-2176

**Wed June 16:** Monthly Meeting at TEC 7 pm

**Sun June 20:** Speed Show #2 Registration 9 am, first event  
10 am. Jeanene Glover 410-754-9038

**Thurs June 24—Sun June 27:** Fun in the Sun Camp—  
Youth Group Karen Mack and Jeanene Glover, and...

**Sat June 26:** There *will* be a Youth Meeting during the  
above "Fun in the Sun Camp" above.

### JULY

**Sat July 10:** Youth Group at TEC, 9 am -1 pm

**Sat July 10:** Kent County Joust (scheduled for TEC, but  
location may change) 1 pm Bill Sharp 410-758-1220

**Sat July 10:** OD Show Rehearsal TEC 10 am

**Tues July 13:** 5th O.D. Planning Meeting 7 pm TEC

**Sat July 17:** Tuckahoe Night Joust 4 pm TEC Donnie  
Sherwood 410-364-5172

**Sun July 18:** Speed Show #3 Registration 9 am, first event  
10 am. Jeanene Glover 410-754-9038

**Wed July 21:** Monthly Meeting at TEC 7 pm Shannon Dill:  
"Green Options"

**Sat July 24:** Fair Hill Ride Karen Mack 410-778-3827

### AUGUST

**Wed Aug 4:** Old St. Joseph's Church Joust (at Cor-  
dova) 1 pm Diane Sherwood 410364-5172

**Sat Aug 7:** Sassafras Ride—Cool Off in the Heat Karen  
Mack 410-778-3827

**Sat Aug 7:** OD Shows—First Dress Rehearsal 10 am

**Sun Aug 8:** Hafingers Crab Feast at TEC, 1 pm

**Sun Aug 8:** Caroline County 4-H Fair Joust (at C.C. 4-H  
Park, Denton) 1 pm Dorsey Wooters 410-479-0565

**Tues Aug 10:** Last O.D. Meeting before Outlaw Days 7 pm  
TEC

**Sat Aug 14:** Youth Group at TEC, 9 am -1 pm

**Sun Aug 15:** Speed Show #4—Series Finale Registration  
9 am, first event 10 am. Jeanene Glover 410-754-9038.

**Wed Aug 18:** Monthly Meeting at TEC, 7 pm

**Sat Aug 21:** ACS (American Cancer Society) Scavenger  
Hunt at Fair Hill - Contact is Barbara DePaul 610-869-6001

or bkdepaul@comcast.net OR...

**[Sat Aug 28:** Rain Date for ACS Scavenger Hunt]

**Sun Aug 22:** Queen Anne County Joust TEC 4 pm Diane  
Sherwood 410-364-5172

**Sat Aug 28:** Final Dress Rehearsal OD Shows TEC

### SEPTEMBER

**Sat, Sun Sept 11, 12:** Tuckahoe Equestrian Center Out-  
law Days 2010

**Wed Sept 15:** Monthly Meeting at TEC, 7 pm

**Sat Sept 18:** Youth Group at TEC, 9 am -1 pm

**Sun Sept 19:** Killer Trail Ride Paul McMullen, Buck  
Schuyler

**Sun Sept 19:** Ridgely Joust, Martin Sutton Park (Ridgely)  
1 pm Dorsey Wooters 410-479-0565

**Fri Sept 24—Sun Sept 26:** Amelia, VA Ride

**Sun Sept 26:**

**ESJA Pre-Championship Joust** TEC 10 am Paul McMullen  
410-482-2176

**ESJA Championship Joust** TEC 1 pm Diane Sherwood  
410-364-5172

### OCTOBER

**Fri Oct 1—Sun Oct 3:** Thurmont Riding Club at TEC

**Fri Oct 1—Sun Oct 3:** Bill Mills Ride Contact is Adina  
Barnett 410-758-2251 or barnettadina@gmail.com

**Thurs Oct 7—Sun Oct 10:** Stargazers camped at TEC

**Sat Oct 9:** Youth Group at TEC, 9 am -1 pm

**Sun Oct 10:** Scavenger Hunt (\*\*\*) Buck/Paul)

**Sat Oct 16:** David Kastberg Memorial Drive & Games Day  
& Tack Swap (Delaware Driving Club & TEC) Contact:  
Martha MacDonald 609-510-7465

**Sun Oct 17:** Paper Chase at Blackbird State Forest -  
Patty Kemp 302-222-2017

**Wed Oct 20:** Monthly Meeting at TEC, 7 pm

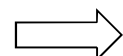
**Fri Oct 22—Sat Oct 23:** Haunted Walk Tuckahoe Eques-  
trian Center

### NOVEMBER

**Sat Nov 6—Sun Nov 7:** League of Maryland Horsemen  
Fall Ride

**Sat Nov 6—Sun Nov 7:** TEC Cindy Berkey Weekend

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**Sat Nov 13: Doub Ride, Wye Island**

Jack and Linda Doub 410-827-8613

**Wed Nov 17: Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, TEC****Sat Nov 20: Youth Group** at TEC, 9 am -1 pm**Sun Nov 21: Judged Pleasure Ride** (\*\*Buck & Paul)

February's Speaker

**Jane Louise Rhoades**Huntsman and Master of Fox Hounds  
Wicomico Hunt

The Wicomico Hunt is the only remaining hunt sanctioned by the Masters of Foxhounds Association that is located on the DelMarVa peninsula.

T.E.C. was honored to have Jane Rhoades as our February speaker. She explained first about the arrival of the first red fox to the Eastern Shore. (The red is preferred over gray fox because they give the hunt a better run—not running in a circle as does a gray fox. ) The first red fox were brought from England to Solomon's Island, and it is thought they crossed over a frozen Chesapeake Bay to the Eastern Shore. In any event, Jane acknowledged, "fox hunting here has gone on a long, long time" Farmers in the "old days" all had a few hounds and they competed to see whose hounds would get on a scent first. The Penn-Marydel hounds were a new breed, developed here, and were considered, at first, "hillbilly" hounds, coming from farmers hounds, but were, in fact, descended from the original blood of hounds imported around 1650 and later in 1749. Now, 56 hound packs have Penn-Marydel blood, and they are well suited to hunting on Delmarva, having keen noses and great durability.

The official Hunt season starts the beginning of November, and a hunt is held every Wednesday and Sunday until the last day of March. Most vixen have had their young by then, and it is not the object to kill a fox (unless they are obviously sick.) Foxes are not particularly hardy, Jane said, and have relatively short life spans, so the Hunt does not want to put heavy pressure on their numbers.

The training of hound puppies is serious business (just like training children, Jane offered...) A good hound has a good nose, good voice, and does not run other quarry like deer, sheep, rabbits, cats, etc. The Huntsman or Whippers-In will crack a whip to stop the young hounds from pursuing anything other than fox—or sometimes "apply" bird shot to the butt...

Hunting attire for the Field depends on a rider's membership position in the Hunt. The traditional Pink Coats

are not pink, but named for a Mr. Pinque who was an English tailor and who made the scarlet-colored coats for the Masters and Huntsmen, etc. so they could be seen easily. Brown tops on boots may be worn only by staff or the Master of the Hunt. A stock tie can serve as a bandage or a sling, and the stock pin—to secure it in an emergency. Knit gloves are worn because they still grip when reins are wet with horse sweat or rain. Helmets are always worn by all members of the hunt.

The rest of the field (riders in the hunt) will wear either formal or informal (ratcatcher) attire for cub hunting or on sometimes on Wednesdays - each mode of dress having specific requirements for coat, shirt, breeches, hunt cap or derby, boots, etc. depending upon the hunt.

Jane said that any type or breed of horse "works" as a horse for the hunt. But the horses must have (or develop) a "good mind" for the hounds and the horn. She demonstrated a few of the horn calls used to communicate with hounds. Just as any horse can be a successful in a hunt, Jane reassured all that the same applies to the riders—foxhunting appeals to all ages and sizes of riders, and everyone can find their right spot in the field. The "First Flight" of riders are ones who are skilled and experienced, mounted on horses who jump reliably and who can stay with the Field Master. The "Second Flight" is a non-jumping group, but might still move at the same speed as the First Flight. The "Third Flight," or "Hilltoppers," move mostly at a walk and trot and watch the hunt from a distance.

**Open Hunts**—usually two, one near the beginning of the season, the second in March—are opportunities for all riders interested in hunting to try it before actually taking the steps to become a member of a hunt. Any attire is appropriate, and either English or Western tack is allowed. Use of a helmet is preferred, but every rider must sign a waiver.

**NOTE: On Sunday, March 14, at 11 a.m., Wicomico Hunt Club is hosting an Open Hunt.** Hunt information can be obtained before that day by calling (in Delaware) 302-822-4646 or (Maryland) 410-270-1595. Directions to the O'Neal Farm follow:

Directions to the O'Neal Farm near Bethel, Delaware: On Rt. 13 at Laurel, DE: Go 1.1 miles north of the Rte. 9 intersection and turn west onto Camp Road towards Bethel. Go through the stop sign, over the RR tracks, and continue to the blinker light at Woodland Ferry Road. Turn right onto Woodland Ferry Road, and go about 3/4 mile to the first paved road on the left, Beagle Club Road. Turn left onto Beagle Club Road, go 3/4 mile to the O'Neal sign on the right. Turn right up the long dirt lane and park in the designated parking area.

If conditions are questionable, call the hunt line before leaving home. Changes will be posted to the phone lines NO LATER than 3 hours before the meet time.

*“Bits”* Page

**You can sell it, buy it, or announce it—right here**

## AWARDS BANQUET AND DANCE

Rescheduled Date:

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010**

*(No, it's **not** going to snow us out again, and any snow we've just gotten will either be gone, or plowed out of our way. Let's party!!!!)*

### WHAT TO BRING!

Your favorite dish to share

A \$10 donation

A small gift for the door prize table

**A photo of you and your horse (for table décor only—it goes back home with you)**

**Bring your own bottle (or just your own high “spirits”)**

**& YOUR DANCIN' SHOES !**

#### **FOR SALE:**

Brand new (2 months old), never used

19” Wide screen, flat panel, Dell Monitor  
in original packaging

Original price \$189.00

**Asking \$150**

(no tax, no shipping, no handling!)

**Call Gail 410-822-0183**

#### **Hold the Dates!**

**Friday April 23—Sunday April 25**

**2nd Annual Spring Fling at T.E.C.**

*For all of you who came last year, you remember, this was a rousing success!*

*Details to come next month!!!*

### TRICK HORSE TRAINING CLINIC

**PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY—Clinic closes March 3rd**

At **Kershaw Acres**—17170 Harbeson Road, Milton Delaware 19968 Karen: 302-684-1818

**March 6, 2010 - Indoor Arena - Rain or Shine—9-5**

Take a lunch break (bring own) or take a “get warm” break if needed

Bring extra socks or comfy shoes—no dirty boots in house

**\$65 per Horse (Limited to 15 horses) - bring rope halter, 12' lead rope, dressage whip or training “wand”**

**Auditors Welcome: \$10 am only, \$10 pm only or \$15 all day—bring a chair.**

**Learn from KCShore: how to perform: Smiling for the Camera, Stepping Up on a Pedestal, Pick you up at the Mounting Block, Bowling, Tackless Work. Send Name (& Horse), address, Phone number(s) & check.**



"I couldn't stand it any longer! Three feet of snow—all rides canceled! I just HAD to find a way to ride. So I gathered up my bag of quarters and off I went.

Ah..... I feel better now.

Nancy Harmon

#### **And another "Snow Story"...**

My two Rockies are boarded 11 miles away.. They have two very large stalls which open to allow them easy access to their turnout area, but instead of plowing through the very deep snow outside, they became couch-potatoes, resigned to staying in and munching on hay, since they had no incentive to go outside and work hard.

Being a caring horse owner, I got into my 4-wheel drive, braved the snow, wind and ice, and fought my way to the barn, wanting to lessen whatever winter woes I thought the horses might have. After checking their blankets, feet and water buckets (all fine), I ventured into the sometimes thigh-high deep snow, tromping and stamping my way, making very slow progress—but wanting to show my snow-birds (NOT!) that this snow did NOT have to defeat them.

With the noise I was making, and two warm layers over my ears, I was unable to hear, but rather FELT a presence behind me. Dakota (the alpha boy) was standing patiently behind me, steam coming from his nostrils, mouth still working on some wisps of hay, and his buddy Chase close behind him. They had both followed carefully in my footsteps, interested to know where this new-found "trail" would lead, and willing to move along about two steps a minute. But there was definitely something wrong with this picture! In the western movies, the cowboy would be carried along through the drifts or would hold onto his horse's tail while he was pulled up the mountain! Hmmm.

I admit to clearing about 20 feet of "trail" until the horses realized it was a trail to nowhere, broke out, headed through the deep snow without any effort at all, circled around and slogged their way back to the stalls in about five seconds flat. Next time, I'll be like the cowgirls when it's all white and deep outdoors.

Gail Brodt