

BOOTS AND SADDLES



WESTERNAIRES 60TH ANNIVERSARY!



**FROM
THE
DIRECTOR'S
CHAIR**



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Some of you may have noticed the articles about the NASCAR tracks being talked about in Aurora, often in conjunction with the needs of National Western Stock Show to move from its present location to find more space and improve its facilities. Then, on June 10, the Denver Post carried an article about the Jefferson County Commissioners working on a plan to bring the Stock Show into the Rooney Valley (C-470 between Alameda and Morrison Road). Buried in that article was the suggestion that they might have to do a land swap and move the fairgrounds into the Rooney Valley too.

Since some have raised the question of what that means for Westernaires, I want to take a few minutes and outline what has been happening behind the scenes. The Commissioners approached me some time ago to see if the Westernaires would be willing to be part of the package effort that they were putting together in

the hopes of bringing the Stock Show into Jefferson County. After some discussion, we indicated to them that we would be willing to improve the Westernaires although we suggested that it would be very expensive to replicate the Westernaires facilities. Nonetheless, we have moved forward with the planning process that is necessary anytime anything like this become even a little bit possible. If you hear conversation from some of the senior staff at Westernaires about this subject, I am certain that it relates to the planning process. I do not believe that anything will happen in the immediate future, although Stock Show has not said they would not consider the Rooney Valley. Everyone with whom I have spoken on the subject considers the possibility to be a "long shot" and we are not expecting it to happen. We only know that, if it should unexpectedly advance, we need to be ready and so we shall. We will keep you posted as to any new developments.

From the Director's Chair (con't.):

Summer Schedule is upon us and we have already had several Red Division Shows and Interclub. I think you will find the Interclub results elsewhere in this edition. We are very happy to be able to celebrate the success of those riders who won ribbons, but we are extremely happy with the high quality of all of the riders this year. We think there is some evidence that some teaching is going on out here and it is having an effect. Congratulations to all for their effort on June 7.

We also had White Division Show over the Father's Day Weekend. I urge everyone to support the White Division as we move into the summer practice program to ready them for the White Olympics in August.

Summer shows and travels for Red Division Teams are also underway. Red Team spent Memorial Day Weekend in Granby where we did two rodeos with a Grand Entry, a Firelight drill and on one day Freedom Riders and on the other Roman Riders. It is safe to say that the trip was a success and the performances were a hit. Next up was Polo for the Cure by Precisionettes. They appeared on two days for a performance during intermission in a Polo Match. It is a great fund raiser to combat breast cancer and we hope that the Precisionettes were able to encourage the participants to contribute just a little more. Next, Red Team, Cavalry and Indians were off to Sheridan Wyoming for the annual Buffalo Bill Days celebration there. We made quite a convoy going up I-25! Over 100 horses and 150 people! Immediately after our return, Precisionettes headed to the Easter Seals camp for a trip which is always a highlight for the Precisionettes. In addition to their show, they also assisted the camp members with their "gymkhana". Then, on July 4, Red Team returned to Granby for a parade and a rodeo and the Precisionettes went to Byers for a

parade and a rodeo. Still to come is Precisionettes at Rodeo at the Ranch and Red Team at the Queen City Show and Trinidad. Nothing like getting off to a busy start, is there?

The shows that we have mentioned are the reason for summer schedule and all of that practice. We need to work very hard to maintain our record of sterling performances and very safe practices. It is for that reason that people need to be in attendance at all the practices so the teams can be both polished and safe. "Practices makes perfect."

Also in this Boots and Saddles is an article about our 60th Anniversary Celebration. We are planning several events that are very important. First is a great party on Friday, August 14, and the second is the Anniversary Portrait of all Westernaires in the Rodeo Arena. I urge you all to set aside the afternoon of Saturday the 15th for the picture. We will include all Westernaires and volunteers in the picture. Thanks for planning ahead.

Glen E. Keller, Jr., Director



Westernaires



*Join Us In Celebrating Our
60th Anniversary on August 14-15, 2009*

2009 is a special year for us. This is the **Westernaires' 60th anniversary!** During the Easter Parade in 1949, our founder, E.E. Wyland, at the request of the Lakewood Youth Council, solicited a group of 26 young riders to participate in a new youth group involving horses. From this tiny seed, has grown to what you see as today's Westernaires!

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2009

Fort Westernaire
Golden, CO

Carnival 3:00 pm

Bar-B-Que Dinner 4:00-7:00 pm
(\$15.00 per person)

Live Music and Dancing 6:00-9:00 pm

DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY EVENT!

CARNIVAL GAMES
SILENT AUCTION

CONCESSIONS
LIVE AUCTION

GRAB BAGS
FACE PAINTING

"DUNK YOUR FAVORITE INSTRUCTOR" TANK!

LIVE MUSIC AND DANCING!

AUCTION ITEMS!!!



AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

The weekend of August 14th Westernaires is going to be celebrating its 60th Anniversary! 60 years of volunteerism, riding, and education for the youth of Jefferson County is an amazing accomplishment and deserves to be commemorated with some fun!

To mark this historic event the organization has some pretty exciting things planned for everyone. We are currently conducting a "guess the number of M&M's" contest in the lunch room. For \$1 you can have a chance at a fabulous gift basket worth \$400. If you haven't made a guess you should do so soon. If you have made a guess you should put in another, just in case. The winner will be announced July 11.

The main event will be held on Friday August 14th when we will have a party unlike anything Westernaires has had before. All of the alumni will be invited as well as the many people in our large community who have been such wonderful friends to the organization. Of course, all active riders, volunteers and their families will want to be there to share in the fun and *you will not be required to be in uniform!*

The afternoon event will begin with a carnival. There will be contests and rides, games and activities sure to please people of all ages. We expect the most popular event will be the "dunk your favorite instructor" tank. We trust that the riders will be able to convince their instructors to be good sports and sit in the hot seat for this game.

The carnival activities begin at 3:00 pm. Beginning at 4:00 we will be serving a fabulous barbeque dinner. For just \$15 a person you can enjoy a meal from the popular local restaurant Piggini' Out. Everyone is encouraged to sit down and enjoy some of the best BBQ in Jefferson County. Dinner will be served until 7:00 when the live music and dancing will begin. KYGO will be sending an MC and the entertainment will be first class all the way. You will not have to purchase a meal to enjoy the music and dancing.

In the Volunteer arena, we will hold a silent auction with contributions from each team as well as many members of our community. There will be items in all price ranges and appealing to all different interests. Come and check it out. I know you will be excited to see what is available. Don't miss out on the fun of the live auction too which will feature some extraordinary, one-of-a-kind items.

The Alumni Committee will have a booth in the lobby of the Volunteer that everyone will find interesting. Please stop by and see them. Finally, we are creating a permanent memorial to the 60th Anniversary. This is something that every rider will have contributed to and we are sure you will want to see it as it is unveiled at the event.

Westernaires has been an important part of countless lives throughout its 60 year history. We hope you will all come and help us celebrate this very special birthday for an organization that has given so much to all of us!

INTERCLUB RESULTS

Congratulations to all of the participants in the 2009 Interclub. Five ribbons were awarded in each of the classes and then in the Championship round, the top three from each class competed for the E. E. Wyland Trophy and 4 ribbons. The winners are as follows:

E. E. Wyland Trophy

Second

Third

Fourth

Fifth

Anna Bevirt

Katelyn Polemi

Damara Micklich

Shania Smith

Shantel Munoz

First Place

Maleah Cespedes
Allie Fleming
Autymn Purcell
Kaitlyn Glicini
Kylie Martinez
Damara Micklich
Zachary Dugan
Katielyn Polemi
Hollie Schuetz
Anna Bevirt
Jessica Swanson
Kayla Walden

Second

Johnathan Grogan
Charles Dugan
Alexis Senecal
Kristen Dabney
Melanie Kurtz
Shantel Munoz
Kira Burleson
Justin Carson
Shania Smith
Grant Zonneveld
Kayla Woodward
Brenna Funk

Third

Samuel Grogan
Mayla Kelley-Reyez
Rebecca Sterling
Lena Bindel
Melia Defenbaugh
Cayla Chevalier
Sarah Ondak
Brandon Beach
T. J. Campbell
Emily Schulz
Kate Slate
Julia Sobczak

Fourth

Lauren Phillips
Alyssa Bialke
Emily Fournier
Kiersta Roe
Taryn Roby
Emma Ellison
Nicole Feeney
Molly Merino
Delaney O'Hara
Mackenzie Crow
Madison Petrie
Jaime Senecal

Fifth

Ben Grogan
Masha Yi
Taittum Barrett
Laura Guerra
Jon Tyus
Naomi Fritz
Brielle Hall
Ryann Rice
Alex Sanders
Walker Henke
Alejandra Arroyo
Ethan Swift



UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

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2009

July 11	Standard Drill Show – White Division
July 11 & 12	Rodeo at the Ranch - Precisionettes
July 16 & 17	Queen City Horse Show – Red Team and Red Trick
July 24	Western Heritage Show
August 1	Junior Testing
August 8	Jeffco Fair – Pony Rides
August 8-12	Alumni Week
August 14	Westernaire 60 th Anniversary Celebration & Party
August 15 & 16	White Olympics All Westernaire Photo – Rodeo Arena
August 15	Western Welcome Week Parade Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival Parade
August 17	Summer Schedule Ends
August 28	Tenderfoot Induction
August 29	Last Junior Ride
Sept 5	Last Tenderfoot Ride
Sept 5-7	Trinidad – Red Team
Sept 11	Tenderfoot Graduation
Sept 12	First Tenderfoot Ride – Safety Lectures
Sept 13	White Division Gymkhana
Sept 18	Junior Graduation
Sept 19	First Sophomore Ride
Sept 20	Convention Show – Fort Westernaire
Sept 21	Monitor Ticket Meeting
Oct 4	Pony Wash
Nov 7-8	Annual Show