

The Western Saddle Club News



April 2008

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Board of Directors: Dee Allen, Gary Cox, Tim Conway, Shorty Gray, Ken Jones, Greg Smith

Meeting Highlights

The next meeting of the WSC will be held on Monday May 5th, at 7:30 PM, at the club house.

The April meeting was opened by President Rickey Jones. The Officers' reports were read and accepted by the membership.

The old business addressed at the meeting:

- Greg Smith is continuing to work on fixing the entrance driveway to better accommodate the larger horse trailers. The work is expected to be completed shortly.
- After reviewing bids for the monthly lawn service the current provider was chosen to continue providing lawn service for the club.

The new business addressed at the meeting:

- The new gate combination is now in effect. You may obtain the combination only by calling Jody Jones at 706-252-4169. Members: do not share the combination with anyone.
- Everyone is reminded to read the new rules for the use of the Berry property, and these were published in the last newsletter and are available at the WSC web site. Announcements will be made as soon as we receive updates from Berry.

Board of Directors

- The Board wants to remind all members that non-members **are not** allowed to use the WSC facilities. Now that a day membership is available, there is no excuse for not abiding by the rules. Remember to observe the following:
 1. Do not give the gate codes to anyone (including members). Anyone needing the gate code must obtain it from Jody Jones.
 2. Do not admit non-members to the WSC.

3. If you have a guest, they must purchase a daily membership for each day that they plan to use WSC facilities. The cost is \$10 per day. Full membership may be a better value..
4. For safety, insurance, and many other good reasons, be sure to report any non-member using the WSC property without a membership.
5. If you do not follow the rules, your membership may be revoked. The Board has been forced to take this action in the past and will do so again if needed.

Poker Ride This Month

The first of the two planned poker rides is this month during Saturday's ride. Playing poker is not required in order to participate in the ride.

You can buy more than one hand and each hand will cost you \$5 each. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best hands at the end of the rides. The ride departs the WSC at 10 AM sharp.

Next month: A scavenger hunt is planned for the ride. Riders will be hunting for numbered horseshoes and these will be redeemable for prizes.

If you know of someone who would like to donate prizes for this ride, call Rickey Jones or Jody Jones. Be thinking of places where you do business to ask for donations.

Equine Management Course

Rolling Hills Resource Conservation and Development Council is currently accepting registration for a six week Master Equine training course. It is to be held in Cartersville at the Bartow

County UGA Cooperative Extension office beginning on May 8, 2008. Classes will be held every Thursday from 6:30pm to 9:00pm through June 12, 2008.

Registration information is now available online at <http://www.rollinghillsrcd.org> or by calling 770-749-0444. Registration will only be accepted until May 1, 2008. Enrollment in the program is limited. Cost of the training is \$150.00, which covers expenses including study materials, refreshments, door prizes and a Master Equine Management Certificate and cap.

The Master Equine Management Training Program is designed as an advanced training curriculum to inform horse owners about many topics critical to starting and managing a horse related business or merely managing your family horses. The course is highly recommended for horse owners, trainers, instructors, boarding stables, managers and breeding farms. Instruction topics taught by UGA Extension Faculty, Natural Resource Conservation Service personnel, and other equine experts, will include feeding, nutrition, waste handling, horse health, barn design and management, water and pasture management, legal and liability issues, and other pertinent equine management information.

In addition to the basic course curriculum, participants will receive information about available federal and state cost-share programs to assist horse programs.

2008 Planned Club Activities

April 26:	Poker and monthly trail ride	10 AM
April 27:	Second ride for the weekend	10 AM
May 24:	Scavenger Hunt and monthly ride	10 AM
Jun 7:	Trail ride competition.	TBA
Jun 28:	Monthly trail ride	10 AM
Jul:	No activities, summer break	
Aug:	No activities, summer break	
Sep. 13:	Pink Ride for Breast Cancer	TBA
Sep. 27:	Poker and monthly trail ride	10 AM
Sep. 28:	Second ride for the weekend	10 AM
Oct. 25:	Monthly trail ride	10 AM
Nov. 28, 29, and 30	Thanksgiving weekend ride	TBA
Dec. 6:	Christmas Party	6:30 PM

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