

Missoula Equestrian Park Times

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

From the Missoula Horsemen's Council

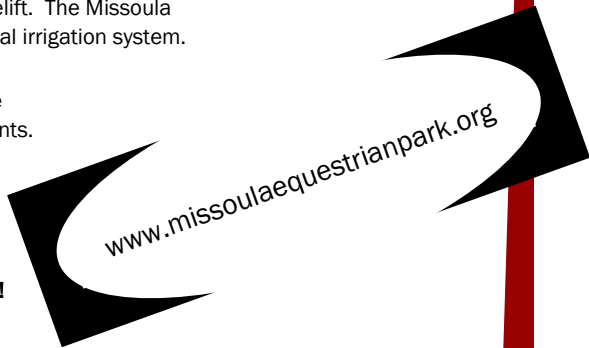
What's New for 2011??

When spring arrives, The Missoula Equestrian Park will have a facelift. The Missoula Horsemen's Council will begin "greening" up the Park with an additional irrigation system.

With the addition of the Western Events Arena, the Park will begin holding more "Western Events" such as barrel racing, team penning as well as O-Mok-See events.

New fencing along North Avenue has been completed and the remainder of the fence will be completed in 2011.

COMING SOON: Advertise your barn, horses for sale, etc. on the Park's Website!
Contact any Board member for prices and availability.



www.missoulaequestrianpark.org

THE MISSOULA HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE VOLUNTEER EFFORTS FROM OUR OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS: ANITA SCOTT & LAURA BAKKER—THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR!!

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2011 Memberships

DUE

January 1, 2011

Park entrance gate locks will be changed as of January 1, 2011

Don't be shut out, mail your memberships in today!

Meet the 2011 Missoula Horsemen's Council Board of Directors

President—Barbie Howell



Hi, I'm Barbara Howell, your new president. I may be somewhat new on the Horse Council, but I'm not new to Missoula, to horses or to Organizations. I was born and raised in Missoula on a ranch west of town. After several different adventures in my life, my husband, Colbert and I finally created what I had always wanted. A full service horse facility, we own and operate Flying H Stables.

Being a part of a member driven organization is not new to me. I was involved in Professional Photographers of America, which is a national organization with approximately 14,000 members. I also served on the Board of the Montana State Photographers Association. I was involved with the Hospice Ball Committee for several years, which is also a non-profit organization. I believe that my past experience will help the Missoula Equestrian Park grow, increase membership and increase benefits for members. The Board of Missoula Equestrian Park is a very dedicated group, with great passion for the benefit of the park. I feel that the next few years there will be several changes that will benefit all park members. I hope that everyone can enjoy the beautiful facility that we are so very fortunate to have in our community. Please feel free to contact me at any time, with any ideas or concerns.

Ginny Schuler is the Vice-President of the Missoula Horsemen's Council. I have been a member of the Missoula Equestrian Park since it was built, back in the early days as well as a current resident neighbor of the Park. Ginny's husband, Dan was one of the people that helped haul sand into the original main arena. She has been riding since she was young and barrel racing since about 16 or 17. Ginny did some high school rodeo and was on the University of Montana's first female team that went to the National Intercollegiate Finals. Ginny still barrel races as well as trains her own horses. Besides being a member of the park, she also belongs to the National Barrel Horse Association, BRN4D, Northern Rodeo Association and past member of the Women's Professional Rodeo Association. Ginny and Dan have two daughters, Alicia and Melanie another professional barrel racer and three grandsons, Dylan, Christian and Trevor (and two cats). Ginny was instrumental in the plans, design and construction of the new Western Events Arena.

Vice President—Ginny Schuler



Secretary—Lisa Barnes



Lisa's love of horses began at a very young age, and when she was 11 her parents accepted how important this was. She joined the Pony Club in North Bay, Ontario, which started her life with horses. A daughter of a military family, Lisa was unable to have her own horse due to the frequent family relocations. She loved 3-day eventing and trail riding, and was always available to ride any horse that needed an 'upright' partner, whether for just one ride or to connect for several months. After going off to college to become a professional (Pharmacist) and raising 3 boys, Lisa's dear friend Peg reconnected her with her lifelong love of horses and shared her "extra" horse, and natural horsemanship, with Lisa. Lisa developed a passion for natural horsemanship and now has a horse of her own, "Elwood Blues". She and Elwood attend clinics and trail ride with friends, and play as often as possible. Last summer they competed in their first 'extreme cowboy challenge' event which was a fun adventure for someone who was raised in jodhpurs riding hunt-seat! Lisa is a lifetime member of the Equestrian Park and is grateful that Missoula has the park as a playground and event facility for equestrians of all callings. She is excited to be on the board and will work to see the park grow in its functionality for horsemen and women of many disciplines in the Missoula valley. When she is not playing with Elwood and her family, Lisa is a professor of pharmacy practice at the University of Montana.

Janice Maurer –I was born in Missoula, Montana; graduated from The University of Montana with a degree in Business Administration; and currently assist my husband in running our family businesses Maurer Construction and Maurer Building Company. Horses have always been a passion for me. I sold all my horses about 12 years ago to raise a family and start our businesses. I am now happy to say I am back enjoying horse ownership. I stumbled across Barbi Howell at Flying H in my search for a place I might house any horse I may own, and was elated to find a safe and happy environment. My family then grew by three horses. My family has been very fortunate to visit a huge part of this planet due to my husband's drive to see the world. We have been to Ireland, England, Scotland, all over central Europe, Norway, Sweden, Iceland, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Kenya, Egypt, China, and most recently the Northwest Territories of Canada, Chile, Easter Island and French Polynesia. We will spend the Christmas Holidays in Peru. So many places, so little time. I am excited and honored to be a part of the Missoula Horse Council. I hope to be an asset to the council and help in any way to keep the Equestrian Park moving forward with their plans for maintenance and improvement of current and future programs. It is wonderful that Missoula has this type of facility open for horse owners, and we should strive to keep this asset available to all horse disciplines.

Treasurer—Janice Maurer



Board Members—At Large

Drue Kerns

Drue Kerns grew up in Georgia and moved to Montana to trail ride and assist with day-rides in Big Sky. Drue graduated from the University of Montana in 2000 with a degree in liberal studies. Drue is currently a hunter/jumper/event instructor but spent a summer in Ennis working for a dude ranch riding pack trips. Drue grew up showing A Circuit hunter/jumpers on the East Coast and won Medium Pony Hunter National Championship in 1985. Drue was the Vice President of the Missoula Horsemen's Council for 3 years and has organized the Flying Colors Mini Events for the past 7 years. Drue is currently competing on Preliminary Level at USEA recognized events. Drue and husband Matt have one son Cash. Prior to marriage, Drue was a world traveler. Besides horseback riding, Drue enjoys snowboarding, fly fishing and being a Mom.



Mike Hartkorn has been a life-long resident of the Target Range/Missoula Equestrian Park area. Mike is on the Big Sky Stewardship Committee and a member of the Back-country Horseman. Mike is the go-to guy for the Park. Ever ready to assist With any/all projects the Park is involved in. Mike enjoys horseback riding, and spending time at the Park with his horses and dog.

Mike Hartkorn



Christine Foster



Christine's involvement with the Missoula Equestrian Park began with Pony Club activities. The park is such a marvelous place to ride and it was a "one-stop" to meet our Pony Club riding and educational needs. Since that first exposure to the Park, I have enjoyed the many opportunities to volunteer working on a variety of improvement projects, shows, expositions, clinics!

Jeanne Gaudreau



Jeanne M. Gaudreau grew up with in a family of horse trainers. Under the tutelage of her mother and grandfather, Jeanne began riding, competing and training at an early age. Jeanne founded JMG STABLES in 1978 after graduating from Meredith Manor Horsemanship School in Waverly West Virginia and offered training and experience in many disciplines -- western pleasure, hunter pleasure, show hack, halter, trail, reining, hunters over fences, in-hand work and breaking to saddle. She bred, trained and showed Arabian horses in the early years, and was an Arabian "R" Judge for the United States Equestrian. She has won numerous awards at the national level, including a reserve national championship at Grand Prix. She won her USDF gold medal on her favorite horse, Baha in 2006. She has instructed students who have placed in the North American Young rider Championships, all breeds championships and has coached the University of Montana equestrian team to three Reserve Zone hunt seat Championship, five Regional hunt seat championship and four western reserve Champions since 2000. She continues to ride and show dressage, both with half arabs and warmbloods and shares that love with her daughter who has currently won two all breed championships and one reserve on her 1/2 arab gelding and her quarter horse mare.

Kathi Olson

Kathi Olson, is a sales associate for Katie Ward & Associates. Kathi brings a 30+ year background with involvement in business, history and art – specifically, for profit and non-profit management, marketing, livability planning and franchise development. Kathi's experience includes 6 years of management/marketing at Missoula's art and historical museums, 6 years of management/design/cartography/cultural planning in the Missoula planning office, 8 years of national marketing/business development with Sign Marketing Group representing Sign Pro franchises as new media divisions to radio, television and newspaper throughout the United States and 3 years of sales/marketing with a technology company. Throughout this timeframe, Kathi has served as a consultant in both the public and private sector working in marketing, business development, sales and marketing education, fund-raising/grant writing, freelance design, cartography, historic preservation and research (district and individual nominations to the National Register of Historic Places) and assisting in community comprehensive plans. Kathi has extensive experience in target marketing through database management, direct sales, and telemarketing. Throughout her 33 years in Missoula, Kathi has served on a variety of local and regional Boards as a Director. She has in-depth knowledge of Missoula and Western Montana derived from her experiences in her professional and personal life.

Autumn Kozimer has been riding horses her entire life. She grew up in a family which didn't understand the obsession, but supported her by taking her to lessons, and letting her attend every horse camp under the sun. Autumn grew up in Ohio, riding hunt seat, and continued to ride & teach lessons as she attended college at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She even spent a summer working at the local horse racing track – anything to be around horses! Autumn moved to Montana in 2007 when she was hired by the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula. She is the Special Events Manager, and is responsible for planning all the meetings and events that take place in the convention center. As a new resident of Stevensville, Montana, she has quickly learned that western riding is not a dirty word, and takes great pleasure in sorting, trail riding, and even roping! She was even honored with carrying the flags at the 2010 Missoula Stampede Rodeo at the Western Montana Fair. Autumn has had the pleasure to compete at the Missoula Equestrian Park's Mini-Events, and loved the shows so much that she decided to join the board to ensure programs like this continue! She plans on using her skills to continue to make the Missoula Equestrian Park a beautiful, fun, and safe place to ride, no matter what the discipline!

Autumn Kozimer



From The Desk of the President...

Thank you all for a great year. There is an outstanding Board working hard for the Equestrian Park.

What we accomplished in 2010.

- New fence by the main gate
- Changed & upgraded the cross country course
- Approved the upgrade of the irrigation system
- Approval for the Western Events Arena
- Are in the process of repairing the dressage arena
- Upgraded our Web Site
- Repairing the PA system

2010 Events:

- 3) Flying Colors Mini Events – Fund Raiser for the Park
- MDCTA Show
- Big Sky Classic Horse Show
- Treasure State Horse Show
- Missoula Dressage Show
- Montana Dressage Championships
- 5) 4-H Shows & Clinics
- Missoula High School Cross Country Meet
- Horse Expo in conjunction with the Back Country Horsemen

We are going GREEN. Please refer to the web site for news items. The web site now has pictures of the jumps for the cross-country course. The newsletters, board items, etc will now be on the web site.

I want to thank the membership for supporting the Park and the Board for all their sacrifice and hard work.

Barbara Howell

President, Missoula Horse Council

Please Remember to use the Alternative Entrance To The Park

The Missoula Horsemen's Council along with the Big Sky Stewardship Committee works diligently with Missoula County as well as the Park's neighbors to improve situations that arise from Park usage and safety coming and going from the Park. In order to be neighborhood friendly, the Park and Committee are suggesting the Park Membership utilize an alternative entrance to the Park. Please start entering and leave the Park from 31st Avenue, on the east side of Big Sky High School. The Council and the Committee feel entering the Park from 31st will eliminate excessive congestion on 35th Avenue as well as provide Park Members a safer exit onto South Avenue. The Council, Committee, County and neighbors appreciate your cooperation.

MISSOULA HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL—MISSION STATEMENT

The Missoula Horsemen's Council, Inc, was founded in 1984 in response to the need of area horsemen for a park developed for equestrian use. The Council is a charitable organization as described in Chapter 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

The purpose of the Missoula Horsemen's Council is to perpetuate a high standard of accomplishment, safety, and enjoyment of horsemanship throughout the region; to develop maintain and upgrade equestrian facilities at the Missoula Equestrian Park, and to assist the various government and private agencies in the maintenance and management of the habitat areas within the park boundaries.

2011 Calendar of Events at The Park

February 1, 2011—Council Meeting
Hilton Garden Inn—North Reserve
Street 7:00 p.m. Clarkfork Meeting
Room

March 1, 2011 —Council Meeting
Hilton Garden Inn—North Reserve
Street 7:00 p.m. Clarkfork Meeting
Room

April 5, 2011 —Council Meeting
Hilton Garden Inn—North Reserve
Street 7:00 p.m. Clarkfork Meeting
Room

April 16, 2011—Flying Colors Mini-
Event (tentative date)

May 3, 2011 —Council Meeting
Hilton Garden Inn—North Reserve
Street 7:00 p.m. Clarkfork Meeting
Room

May 7, 2011—MHJA Show

May 8, 2011—Missoula Equestrian
Park/Arwyn Anthony Senior Project
Hunter/Jumper Horse Show

May 21, 2011—Backcountry Horse-
men's Expo

June 7, 2011—Council Meeting
Hilton Garden Inn—North Reserve
Street 7:00 p.m. Clarkfork Meeting
Room

June 18, 2011—Flying Colors Mini-
Event (tentative date)

July 5, 2011—Council Meeting
Hilton Garden Inn—North Reserve
Street 7:00 p.m. Clarkfork Meeting
Room

July 9, 2011—Treasure State Horse
Show

July 10, 2011—Big Sky Horse Show

August 2, 2011- Council Meeting
Hilton Garden Inn—North Reserve
Street 7:00 p.m. Clarkfork Meeting
Room

September 6, 2011—Council Meet-
ing Hilton Garden Inn—North Re-
serve Street 7:00 p.m. Clarkfork
Meeting Room

September 24, 2011—Flying Colors
Mini-Event (tentative date)