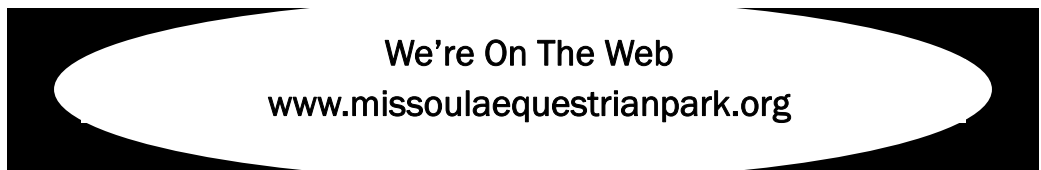


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PLEASE Remember to use the New Alternative Entrance To The Park

Please remember to enter and leave the Park from 31st Avenue, on the east side of Big Sky High School. The Council, the Big Sky Stewardship Committee and the neighbors appreciate your cooperation.



A Message From the President

I want to thank everyone for the wonderful opportunity of working with such a great Board of Directors and Membership. We have had an eventful year.

Some of the things that we have accomplished and working on:

The Western Events Arena is breaking ground on the Thursday October 13, at 9:00 am. Hope to see you there.

We had a very successful Barrel Race on the 26th of September. We have another one scheduled October 16. See you there.

The New USDF Dressage Arena is completed, with very nice fencing. It's a nice addition to our USEF Dressage Arena.

We are expanding the mini-events to include Western Dressage. If you're interested, go online and look it up. "Western Dressage" It's USEF certified.

We are in the process of expanding the sprinkler system that will be ready for the 2012 season.

The perimeter fence is being replaced in sections over the next couple of years.

We are constantly working with the Park & Recreation Department to eradicate noxious weeds.

We are exploring upgrading the Cross-Country Course to include Pre-Lim Jumps.

These are just a few of the things that we are trying to do, in an effort to make the Missoula Equestrian Park more useable for everyone.

If you haven't been to the Park lately, you need to. Go say Howdy to our new Groundskeeper Mr. Doug Cox. Many of you may already be familiar with him and his involvement with the Park. He has been a great addition.

If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact any Board member. You can find a list of Board Members on the Website; missoulaequestrianpark.org.

Hope you can enjoy the sunshine. Hope to see you at the Park

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Welcome—Doug Cox Missoula Equestrian Park Groundskeeper!!

Doug has owned and operated DK Construction since 1978. Due to his construction background and knowledge, he is able to do most any electrical, plumbing, building and maintenance repairs that are needed at the Missoula Equestrian Park.



He loves his new job at the “Park” as it is never the same. There is always something new and challenging every day. He is excited about all the new projects that the Missoula Horseman’s Council is working on and he looks forward to being a part of the construction and completion of each project. He feels great about being involved in the improvements of the park that everyone can see and enjoy.

Doug is a quiet guy and very easy to get along with. Go by and say Hi & introduce yourself to Doug.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

With fall, comes the annual election of officers for the Missoula Horsemen’s Council Board. Nominations for President, Vice President and 3 Board positions are now being accepted. Please either email the Nominations Committee or President Barbi Howell with anyone you would like to see as a Board member of the Council on or before October 31, 2011.

Nominations Committee Chair: Laura Bakker email: LBakker4@gmail.com

President Barbi Howell email: FlyingHStables@aol.com

Turn & Burn Barrel Race at The Park

After a couple of weeks of working, watering and re-working the 4-H Arena, the first Turn & Burn Barrel Race was held Wednesday September 28 at the Park. Event coordinators Ginny Schuler and Laura Bakker were extremely pleased with the 23 competitors, bringing speed events back to the Park after a lengthy interval. The ground proved itself worthy of some of the fastest barrel racers from around Western Montana and everyone was pleased and ready to have another event. Thank you to Mike Hartkorn, Jim O’Reilly, Christine Foster, Melanie Schuler and Dylan Sorini for their assistance with the barrel race. A huge thank you to our new Groundskeeper, Doug Cox for his tenacity in working the ground in preparation for the race as well as providing the bleachers for our spectators.

	<u>Time</u>	<u>& Payout</u>			
Results: 1D- 1st Donna Toavs	15.901	\$ 90.72	4D—1st Ronnie Anderson	17.479	\$ 60.48
2nd Jamie Harberts	16.309	\$ 60.48	2nd Lindsay Lowe	17.782	\$ 40.32
2D—1st Luke Dunning	16.595	\$ 81.65	Youth		
2nd Liz Jones	16.677	\$ 54.43	1D—1st Mikayla Hall	18.387	\$ 12.60
3D—1st Allison Darrow	16.909	\$ 69.55	2D—1st Hanna Zetterberg	26.069	\$ 8.40
2nd Crystal Dale	17.040	\$ 46.37			

AND SO IT BEGINS!!

Keep your eyes open while you are at the Park. The Western Events Arena will be under construction and excavation is going to begin October 13, 2011. The University of Montana College of Technology will be bringing in heavy equipment to start the much awaited Arena. The Council is looking forward to holding speed events as well as cattle events at the new Arena as well as the beautiful addition to the Park including upgrading the irrigation system to accommodate more greenery and landscaping.

CROWDBREAKING
CEREMONY Thursday October 13, 2011 10:00a.m.

Flying Colors Mini-Events

As summer turned to fall, the final Flying Colors Mini Event was held September 24, 2011 at the Park. Approximately 60 horses and riders competed in the event on that picturesque Saturday afternoon. The Mini-Events Committee did an outstanding job with the event with hopes of making this annual event attracting more competitors to our beautiful facility.



Janice Mauer aboard Honest To Goodness

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Website www.MoonWalkerPhotography.com.

Results from the September Flying Events Mini Event

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| Training Level | 1st—Brittney Trowbridge & Arabella |
| | 2nd—Stephanie Waterman & Louie |
| | 3rd—Erika Scofield & Hungarian Megera |
| Novice Level | 1st—Elaine Coller & Pilot |
| | 2nd—Marnie Collett & Cat Empire |
| | 3rd—Shallary Guyman & Ricco |
| Pre-Novice Level | 1st—Janice Mauer & Honest to Goodness |
| | 2nd—Marina Woodson & Jewel |
| | 3rd—Alison Zmud & Apollo |
| Smurf Level | 1st—Maggie Althaus & Speedy Petie |
| | 2nd—Haley Brumwell & Sundown Blues |
| | 3rd—Heather Ridley & Winter Moon |

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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.

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