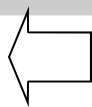


Missoula Equestrian Park Times



A huge thank you to Ginny Schuler for taking on the task of updating the web-site – check out the new changes!!

New Happenings At The Park

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:

On behalf of the Missoula Horsemen's Council Officers and Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of the Missoula Equestrian Park. I want the membership know what an amazing Board they have representing them. Time after time, things have come up or work has needed to be done, and the hard working people on the Board stop whatever they are doing to make sure the Missoula Equestrian Park is taken care of. I know they would rather be home with their families.

We have accomplished a lot this year:

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

We have hosted several 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 Coaches Invitational Cross Country Meet
Horse Expo in conjunction with the Back Country Horsemen			

As you can see, it's been a busy year. 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

MHC 2011 Officers & Board of Directors

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2011 Missoula Horsemen's Council Officers and Board of Directors. **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2010.** If you are interested in a position or would like to nominate someone, please contact the a member of the Nominations Committee:

- Barbara Howell, President 406-543-7433 flyinhstables@aol.com
- Ginny Schuler, Vice President/Membership 406-370-7389 glshorses@hotmail.com
- Laura Bakker, Board Member/News Letter 406-239-3822 lbakker4@gmail.com
- Christine Foster, Board Member 406-544-7468 cefoster@bresnan.net

2010 Flying Colors Mini-Event Series

The final Mini-Event of the Flying Colors Series is

September 25, 2010

MARK YOU CALENDARS!!!

The series has completed two of the three events. 2010 has been the Flying Colors most successful season since inception 9 years ago! We added an open dressage show in conjunction with the mini-event for the 2010 season with great results and participation. Contestant count for the mini-events continues to grow, averaging approximately 65 horses per event. The Missoula Horsemen's Council is ecstatic having the ability to offer quality schooling opportunities for riders in this region including Wyoming, Idaho, and Washington participants! The Mini-Event Committee continues to strive toward making the mini-event experience fun and meaningful. We value your comments, suggestions and input for continued growth and recognition. Please feel free to contact Christine at 406-544-7468. To volunteer and join our ground crew, give us a call!

MISSOULA DRESSAGE SHOW—AUGUST 28-29, 2010

The MEP glittered with shining horses, sparkling browbands, and riders in their black coats, white breeches, and silk top hats on Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29 for the 20th Annual Missoula Dressage Show. The show, organized by the Missoula Dressage and Combined Training Association (MDCTA), is recognized by the US Dressage Federation (USDF), US Equestrian Federation (USEF), and Montana Dressage Society (MDS). For the past several years, it is also the MDS Championship show.

This year's show had 46 horses performing more than 160 individual tests - a full show for our judge, Creeky Routson from Walnut Creek, California. Ms Routson is an "S" level USEF/USDF/FEI judge. She judged 31 classes from "Opportunity" classes for introducing young and green horses to dressage to the Grand Prix, Prix St. Georges and other FEI (international level) classes.

A dressage test is a specified series of required movements within a standard arena. The horse and rider are judged on the execution of each movement on a scale from zero to ten, with zero being not executed and 10 being excellent. At the "lower" levels of Training, First, and Second Level, the horse and rider are expected to show the horse's natural athletic ability and willingness to perform. At the FEI levels, it can be "horse ballet," with the horse skipping and dancing across the arena as if floating on air.

While most of the show's competitors were riding Training and First Level tests, there were a number of accomplished upper level rides, including a Grand Prix test by Anita Otten Scott on her horse Gazagan that drew praise from the judge as a "really fun ride to watch." Also noteworthy were the Intermediare II rides of father/daughter competitors Bob and Olivia Chapeski, with Olivia taking the win on Joust, her FEI horse. The high score ride for the show was by Carol Mavros on First Dance, with a 74.800% score in Training Level Test 4.

Horses and riders came from across Montana and from Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, and even Utah. The judge repeatedly commented on the excellent quality of horses and riders she saw at every level. She also remarked on the quality of the facility we have in the MEP and how fortunate we are to have it.

DCTA wants to thank all of our wonderful volunteers. Each and every one of you was critical to making the show a success. Among the volunteers, we had old faithfuls like Mike Hartkorn, Pat Webber, Marj Harper, Sharon Barrett, Susan Carlson, Deb Anderson, Darla Caruthers, Alex Clemow, Anita Scott, Kim Staples, Bob Chapeski, Donna Leik, Rachel Ambrose and Virginia Sanderson and new blood like Colter and Cassie Miller, Tess Carlson, Randy Hussey and Mike Jacquier. We also saw some old friends that have not been able to help in recent years, like Jeannette Manley, Nancy Hinman and Alison Matthews. New to the dressage show, but long-time MEP supporters included Laura Bakker, DeeDee Gianchetta, Kathryn Maslanka, Suzy Berry, and Marielle Schmidt. Write-up by Susie Mayer

WE ARE GOING GREEN!!!**The Newsletter on the Website**

To be more "green" and environmentally conscience, the MHC would like members to utilize our services on the website. For the 2011 year, members will be given the option to receive a "paper" copy of the newsletter or to view the newsletter on the website. Look for your option in the December Newsletter and on your 2011 Membership Form.

Let's Get Together—Yeah, Yeah, Yeah!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

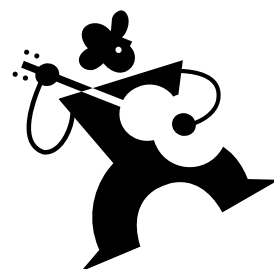
General Membership Meeting

October 16, 2010 1:00 pm

Flying H Stables

Mullan Road West

BBQ Fun! Games! RSVP 239-3822



[A Note From: The Big Sky Park Stewardship Committee](#)

The Big Sky Park Stewardship Committee was established in 1998 with the Missoula County Commissioners' adoption of the Tower Street Park Complex Management and Utilization Plan. Our Committee continues to work with all leaseholders at the Park to assist the Park's development in compliance with that Plan. In 2010 the Stewardship Committee allocated approximately \$6500 to the Missoula Equestrian Park for fence replacement and irrigation development. In the mean time thanks to all who work so hard to make the Equestrian Park at Big Sky Park such a beautiful place to recreate. I have received several unsolicited comments on your successful "war on weeds" and folks have never seen the southwest corner of the Park so green. Keep up the great work, and on behalf of our entire Committee, Thanks.

Bill Dahlgren, President

Target Range Neighborhood Plan

"Rural by Design"

Executive Summary

In the spring of 2008, residents of Target Range completed a survey to identify issues that were important to each resident. Nearly 90% of the respondents reported that preservation of the rural character was very important to them. In addition, 84% of the respondents were in favor of writing a neighborhood plan, while only 7% said they were not in favor. In the fall of 2008, a group of residents from Target Range met to initiate the process of creating a neighborhood plan. This citizen-based planning effort, along with generous help from the Office of Planning and Grants, has defined our community values and identified key goals, objectives and recommendations based upon those values.

This neighborhood plan is intended to:

- Document the neighborhood's values, interests and goals as identified during the spring 2008 neighborhood survey and while drafting this plan;
- Make recommendations to achieve those goals and help guide future development;
- Determine the ability of the area to accommodate the growth of 400 additional homes over the next 20 years as predicted by the Urban Fringe Development Area (UFDA) study;
- Identify, preserve and protect the resources most valued by the neighborhood;
- Set goals and priorities that will shape the future of the Target Range area for generations to come. Great communities and exceptional neighborhoods are not created without careful planning.

This plan is comprised of two main elements, a Natural Environment section and a Human Environment section. Each section is broken into subsections which discuss specific resources or topics. These are summarized below:

THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 1.1 Water Resources
- 1.2 Soil, Irrigation and Agriculture
- 1.4 Natural Vegetation and Weeds
- 1.5 Wildlife

THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

- 2.1 Population Growth
- 2.2 Economy
- 2.3 Transportation Infrastructure
- 2.4 Water Infrastructure
- 2.5 Community Facilities
- 2.6 Local Services
- 2.7 Land Use / Zoning

Vision Statement

This neighborhood plan brought together a remarkably diverse group of Target Range residents. We discovered that our shared common values and passions united us around a common vision for the neighborhood.

First and foremost, people who live in the Target Range area enjoy the rural and semi-rural nature of the area. Nearly 90% of the respondents in the Target Range Homeowners Association Survey (Appendix A) reported preservation of the rural character was very important to them.

More than 92% preferred to remain in Missoula County rather than annex into the city of Missoula. In describing what they found most attractive in the area, the rural feeling, open space and views, low-density housing, low noise, proximity to Missoula and its services, and safe, friendly, diverse neighborhoods (in that order) were most important to them.

For clarification, the notion of diverse neighborhoods can be illustrated by mentioning the trailer park across the street from the Target Range School, the upscale homes overlooking the Bitterroot River, and everything in between throughout the Target Range area. Residents at all income levels co-exist and welcome diversity and typically continue the legacy of "neighborhood" with newcomers.

Other values important to Target Range residents include: 88% of survey respondents stated a desire for preservation of agricultural spaces, 69% would like to see more public parks and open spaces, and 85% are in favor of more walking/bicycle paths.

While most residents fully understand the need for growth, it is fair to say, Target Range residents share a concern for the escalated, unchecked growth seen in other areas of Missoula. One of the greatest fears expressed by residents is that the security, safety, rural nature and "neighborhood" atmosphere of the Target Range area could be jeopardized. Rapid growth and expansion can be a hindrance to keeping positive community relations as seen by many examples of Missoula neighborhoods becoming fractured due, at least in part, to rapid development and growth without the chance for people to become acquainted with each other.

Long-Term Goals

Secure the entire Big Sky Park (~160 acres) as a dedicated park and secure the area in perpetuity as public park land. The entire Target Range Neighborhood Plan is available for viewing at the Missoula City/County Office of Planning & Grants website: <http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/opgweb>

The Missoula Coaches Invitational Cross Country Meet at the Missoula Equestrian Park!!

Missoula Equestrian Park, for the second consecutive year, was again the genre for the Coaches Invitation Cross Country Meet. Missoula Hellgate's Paige Gilchrist ran away from the girls and Darby's Doug Raymer topped the boys at the Coaches Invitational cross country meet Thursday at the **Missoula Equestrian Park**. The meet was a non-scoring event. Gilchrist, the sophomore sensation, clocked in at 15 minutes, 15 seconds over the 2.5-mile course, bettering Sentinel's Brenna Jaynes by one minute, 16 seconds. Big Sky's Taylor Rather finished third at 16:45. "It's pretty cool," Gilchrist said. "I got second last year to (Darby 2010 graduate) Heather Demorest and with her going to college, I was really hoping that maybe I could just take her spot. And I did, which is awesome." Court Weston - Missoulian September 3, 2010

Fall 2010 Calendar of Events at The Park

September 25, 2010—Flying Colors Mini Event

October 5, 2010—Horsemen's Council Meeting—Hilton Garden Board Room 7:00pm

October 16, 2010—General Membership Meeting—Flying H Stables
1:00pm BBQ, Fun, Games—Please join us!!

November 2, 2010—Horsemen's Council Meeting—Hilton Garden Board Room 7:00pm—
Nominations for 2011 Board of Directors closes

December 7, 2010—Horsemen's Council Meeting—Hilton Garden Board Room 7:00pm—
Election of 2011 Officers and Board of Directors



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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.

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Missoula Horsemen's Council Officers & Board of Directors

Current Board: President – Barbi Howell, Vice President – Ginny Schuler, Secretary – Lisa Barnes, Treasurer – Anita Scott, Board of Directors – 2 year terms -Drue Kerns, Christine Foster & Connie Long (resigned as of 9/14/2010), 1 year term - Laura Bakker, Anita Scott; BSSC Representative - Mike Hartkorn

2011 Nominations

Vote for (1) - President – Barbi Howell

Vote for (1) - Vice President – Ginny Schuler

Treasurer & Secretary – Pre-Election appointments – Janice Mauer & Lisa Barnes (respectively)

Vote for (3)

Janice Mauer –was born in Missoula and raised in Southern California. Janice returned to Missoula to attend The University of Montana where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Marketing. Needless to say, Janice stayed in Missoula once she had completed schooling. Janice has been married to her husband for over 16 years and they have three children, and one grand-daughter. Janice's husband has an insatiable need to travel and Janice can now say she has ridden horses in Hawaii, Alaska, Ireland, South Africa, and New Zealand, not to mention a camel in Egypt and an elephant in Zimbabwe. Janice and her husband own Maurer Construction, Maurer Building Company and several other smaller companies in the Western United States. Janice is responsible for the administration of the companies including the accounting, bookkeeping, licensing, insurance, taxes, and subcontract management. In her more youthful years, Janice worked on a performance horse ranch; several racetracks; and a Thoroughbred farm. On the performance horse ranch Janice was also responsible for ranch supply ordering, invoicing clients, paying bills, etc. Janice and her husband own three horses that they enjoy taking to the Equestrian Park. The Mauer's find the Equestrian Park to be a wonderful facility and Janice would be honored to volunteer her time to assist the Board in maintaining and enhancing the park.

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.

Carla Benson is the bookkeeper and administrative clerk for Grizzly Hackle in Downtown Missoula. Carla's association with horses began at an early age having worked at the Rainbow Stables in Missoula and riding horses under the tutelage of Ralph Simmons. Carla continued her love of horses after her marriage to Phil Benson a historic horse racing announcer. Carla continues to enjoy horses through backcountry riding and working cattle at Gene Tripp's ranch in Rock Creek. Carla has an extensive background of experience through volunteer organizations such as Duck's Unlimited, the YMCA and the Western Montana Quarter Horse Association. Carla is a member and recognized Ring Steward for the American Quarter Horse Association.

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.

Autumn Kozimer has been riding horses her entire life. She grew up in a family that did not understand the obsession, but supported her by taking her to lessons every week, 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 currently their 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 Missoula Stampede Rodeo at this year's Western Montana State Fair. Autumn has had the pleasure to compete at the Missoula Equestrian Park's Mini-Events. She would like to use her skills in continuing to make the Missoula Equestrian Park a beautiful, fun, and safe place to ride, no matter what the discipline!