

January 2010

Dear Adult Riders,

Happy New Year!

I would like to start with a special thanks to the members who have rejoined, the new members and the many venues, trainers, and volunteers who have all worked together to provide us with so many great educational and fun opportunities. The program will only get better in 2010.

Before I recap the season, just a quick reminder that you can now renew (or join) the AR (Adult Rider) program via your USEA renewal. It works out better for the program if you join this way, so that our numbers are counted with USEA. However, if you have already renewed and didn't sign up, you can download the application from this site and mail it to me. If you are renewing and nothing has changed, then you can just send me a check.

WHAT THE ADULT RIDER PROGRAM WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE in 2009, THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT.....

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Chronicle of the Horse Adult Team Challenge

Virginia Horse Park, October 30 - November 1st, 2009

Thanks to the hard work of PR, recruitment and fundraising by **Katie Murphy** and **Barb Fitch**, we had two Area I AR teams representing us. We provided them with Area I logo wear as well as a grant and a matching funds challenge to help defray their expenses. These teams were **Training: NEW ENGLAND 4 MATION: Barb Fitch, Annika Lipsky, Suzanne Lavoie, Dianne Thompson** and **Preliminary: YANKEE DOODLES: Katie Murphy, Eliza Farren, Rebecca Calder and Kami Wolk**. We thank them all for making the journey to show the flag for the Area I ARP.

(Note: We did have other individual members that were looking to form teams, but were not able to get enough riders, so hopefully next year it will work out for everyone).

Area I Adult Team Championship at GMHA September 19th

Twelve teams participated in this event from BN - Prelim

A special thanks to GMHA for hosting the Challenge and **Cindy Strate** and **Michelle Brochu** for setting up the display and handing out awards. We provided all ribbons/prizes. GMHA has said they will host it again next year, so yet another great event at GMHA to look forward to.

AECs: Congratulations to our three AR members who made the journey and competed at the Lamplight Equestrian Center in Illinois: **Andrea Galbraith & Gogo Fatale, Nancy Read & Flagstaff Gold** and **Mary Lee & Shao Lin Finn**. We can all look ahead towards the new venue for next year, the fantastic, Chattahoochee Eventing in Georgia: 8000 acres along the Chattahoochee River just 15 minutes from Atlanta's airport.

EDUCATION

We sponsored clinics with grants for: **Jane Hamlin @ Gathering Farm** in March

Tom Davis/Babette Lena - Safety Clinic @ UNH in May

Heidi White @ Town Hill Farm in June and September

Amy Barrington, @ UNH in July and the UNH Adult Camp also in July

Lucinda Green @ GVRDC & GMHA in October

All clinics filled and all offered discounts for ARP members.

The Long Format: T3D @ GMHA

We had 6 ARP members compete at the T3D in August @ GMHA. To support this wonderful educational activity, we raised close to \$3,000 and so together with the many corporate and individual sponsors supplied all of the ribbons and 95% of the prizes. Also, through the generous efforts of **Michelle Brochu**, each competitor also received a goodie bucket upon arrival and **Cindy Strate** provided the new Jimmy Wofford/Doug Payne CDs. GMHA has set the dates for the 2010 Long Format which will now include Novice☺

RECOGNITION

We provided special prizes and AR Ribbons for low score adult rider in each overall division at 5 events: Mystic Valley, Stuart, Town Hill, T3D and Kent. The results of these standings can be found on the ARP page. The 2010 events will be posted soon.

FUNDRAISING

We had our Area I USEA Store and AR Courtesy Booth at Fitchs Corner in July and Kent in August which not only raised funds for the program, but also provided a great spot for us all to get together. A special thanks to Fernanda Kellog at Fitchs and Gillian Perry @ Kent.

We also secured a booth at the entrance of the **Equine Affaire** in Springfield, MA on November 12-15, 2009 for a bag check.

We signed on a new **Corporate Sponsor: "PAD PERFECT"** They make very high quality custom saddle pads. They provided prizes for T3D and discounts (15%) for ARP members. They have signed on again for 2010, so here is your chance to get that pad with your custom colors. The link can be found at the top of this page.

The Long Format: T3D / N3D

Fund raising for the 2010 Long Format (T3D and N3D) has already begun. A very generous AR member has pledged to match funds dollar for dollar up to \$5000. So if you make a donation to the **AR Program Long Format Fund** thanks to this matching funds challenge, you give twice as much! Already our members have donated the proceeds of a used horse blanket sale and we raised further funds from our Lucinda Green Clinic, which gives us a good start towards our \$5,000 goal. Contact Cindy Strate: fourb2fish@gmavt.net

We were elected to be the recipient of the proceeds from the annual ENYDCTA Silent Auction at their Banquet, Election and General Meeting which was held Saturday, November 7th in Guilderland, NY. Their request is for these funds to "be used to support our Adult Amateurs in some fashion that are in Area I" which we can easily do, since that is what we are all about. AR member **Judy Caffrey** was on hand to accept the award.

Just a reminder: The Eastern New York Dressage & Combined Training Association (ENYDCTA) is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the equestrian sports of Dressage and Combined Training. Being a member of ENYDCTA offers great benefits. Not only are you part of a community of people who share the same love of horses, but you get the following benefits: Monthly Piaffe Flyer, free winter education programs, discounts on association sponsored clinic and opportunities for scholarships and year end awards. Please consider joining at: <http://www.ENYDCTA.org>

What is ahead for 2010?

More of what we did in 2009! Clinics are already in the works for **Heidi White**, **Lucinda Green** and possibly, a very special addition - **Jimmy Wofford** and **Doug Payne** for a Long Format Clinic. The Area I ATC & T3D new N3D will be back at GMHA and as time allows, our Area I Store and Courtesy booth will be at select events. We will pick 5 different events for the **ARP Low Score** awards, we will provide the prizes for the Area I ATC @ GMHA and will also help to coordinate any teams wishing to go to the Chrono ATC. This is just small beginning, many fun

and educational programs will be added throughout the year and we are open to suggestion for anything else you think we should add.
Please join us.

Kind regards,
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