

Note from Joy

Hi Everyone,

Hope this finds everyone well and keeping cool as summer is upon us. Not much in the way of important news to deliver this month. Tristan and I are looking forward to our visit home to Michigan the second week in June. We will be in Michigan about 2 weeks providing all goes as planned. Melissa is scheduled to be back at MGEC sometime in June as well. It should be a pretty busy month as MGEC will be hosting the Equine Ladies too. Lastly, Tristan's movie "An American Crime" is scheduled to come out sometime in August or September so be sure to watch for it!

Everyone please be sure and take care and have a great month of May.

Hope you enjoy this months Newsletter.

Joy

Announcements

Announcements: (Meadow Grove)

Meadow Grove is excited to be hosting the Equine Ladies Club on June 18th.

Melissa will returning the second week in June.

Announcements: (WT Stables)

Joy and Tristan will be leaving for a visit home and are scheduled to be out of town June 9th. Thru June 22nd. There will be no lessons those two weeks.

Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out. ~

John Wooden



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Calendar of Events: (MGEC)

Dick Pavel (farrier) May 28th, 2007

Al Ames (farrier)
June 8th 2007
July 23rd 2007
Sept. 4th 2007
Oct. 15th 2007
Dec. 3rd. 2007
Jan 28th 2008

Buchanan Westerners
(show dates)
May 5&6th 2007
June 2&3rd 2007
July 7&8th 2007
Aug.4&5th 2007
Sept.1&2nd 2007

Buchanan Westerners
(clinic dates)
May 19th 2007 Driving Clinic
June 16th 2007 Horsemanship Clinic
June 23rd 2007 Showmanship Clinic
June 24th 2007 Gaming Clinic

Berrien County Youth Fair August 13-18

Equine Ladies Meetings
May 20th.
June 18th Meadow Grove

Calendar of Events: (WTS)

Joy out of Town
2 Week Break in Lessons June 9th -22nd.

Lessons Resume June 25th.



Spotlighted Breed:
The Appendix

The **Appendix** or **Appendix Quarter Horse** is a cross between a Thoroughbred and an American Quarter Horse. The resulting offspring can be registered in the "appendix" of the American Quarter Horse Association's studbook, hence the nickname. Horses listed in the appendix are not eligible for breeding, and their offspring are ineligible for AQHA registration.

If an "appendix" is shown or raced successfully in sanctioned AQHA events, the horse can be advanced from the "appendix" to the regular studbook, making its offspring eligible for AQHA registration.

These horses have good endurance and inherit the traits of a Thoroughbred and an American Quarter Horse.

On the first day of creation, God created the Horse.

On the second day, God created man to serve the Horse.

On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to spook the Horse when man was on his back.

On the fourth day, God created an honest day's work so that man could labor to pay for the keeping of the Horse.

On the fifth day, God created the grasses in the field so that Horse could eat and man could toil and clean up after the Horse.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the Horse healthy and man broke.

On the seventh day, God rested and said "This is good. This will teach man humility. It will tire him out and keep him striving ever forward to meet the needs of the Horse."



Spotlighted Discipline:
Showing
Arabian Native Costume

One of the most popular events in Arabian shows is native costume; in this class horse and rider wear Americanized versions of Bedouin garb, complete with tassels and embroidery, and perform at walk, canter, and hand gallop.

A costume horse should carry his head roughly perpendicular to the ground, but headsets vary. Any position that is visually attractive and indicates control is acceptable. The horse should exemplify the proud and spirited nature of Arabian horses.

Equipment and attire include any saddle and bridle that is safe and an elaborate costume which may be anything from very authentic to only remotely Arabic in appearance. Tassels, drapes and headdresses (for horse and rider) are common. Traditional Bedouin garb or Royal Ceremonial Dress, hence over-revealing costumes would not be appropriate. Natural materials are preferable, such as wool, cotton and leather in black, white, brown, dark blue, red, yellow and dark green. Blue beads, shells, silver and other traditional items such as authentic embroidery and jewelry may be used. Anything which makes an attractive picture reminiscent of the Arabian Nights legends or folklore of eastern countries is acceptable.

The very best make it look both elegant and effortless. But what does it take to succeed in this increasingly competitive division? Half of the winning equation lies in costume design. The other half of the answer is an energetic and expressive horse suited for the class.

Some horses are just natural costume horses. They usually have big well-defined outlines, with plenty of neck and hind-quarter, and smooth paces. They carry their heads proudly with necks and tails high and arched for symmetry, and are very confident and bold in their outlook.

The horses are judged at the paces of canter, extended canter, gallop, walk and halt. Trotting is a pace not used at all in a costume class and no individual workout is required. The horse should be ridden boldly, under the direction of the judge, but with consideration for the welfare and safety of the other competitors. Excessive speed may be penalized. The class is judged 50% for costume, 50% for manners and paces.

This signature class of the breed is nothing short of electric. From the time the first horse enters the ring to the final victory pass; all eyes are transfixed on this spectacular presentation.



Oxer
A type of jump with two rails that may be even or uneven.



**Spotlighted Color:
Piebald**

Piebald is a black and white patched horse. The amount of white and black

can vary immensely and the patterning on each horse is unique. The mane and tail may be either black, white or both black and white.

Dear Elmer,

Q) How did miniature horses get to be so small?

A) While the exact origins of mini horses have been obscured over the centuries, early incunabula texts refer to miniature horses being kept as prized companions of Hapsburg royalty as early as the 17th century. Just as dogs have been bred to be small, centuries of selective breeding have resulted in miniature horses with calm dispositions. Many American miniature horses are extremely small because of the deliberate introduction of dwarfism genes. This dwarf breeding practice has precipitated a high mortality rate among American miniature horses.

Q) Dear Elmer,

Which plants are poisonous to horses?

A) The following can be harmful to horses: Acorns, Alder Buckthorn, Black Bryony, Black Nightshade, Box, Bracken, Broom, Buckthorn, Buttercup, Greater Celandine, Charlock,

Cherry Laurel, Chickweed, Clover, Columbine, Corncockle, Comrockle, Cowbane, Cuckoo Pint, Damel, Deadly Nightshade, Foxglove, Ground Ivy, Groundsel, Hellebore, Hemlock, Hemlock Water-Dropwort, Hemp Nettle, Henbane, Herb Paris, Horse Radish, Horsetail, Iris, Laburnum, Larkspur, Lily of the Valley, Linseed, Lupin, Marsh Marigold, Meadow Saffron, Melilot, Mercury, Monk's Hood, Oak, Pimpernel, Poppy, Potato, Privet, Ragwort, Rhubarb, Rodeodendron, Rush, St Johns Wort, Sorrel, Spurge, Thorn Apple, White Bryony, Wood Nightshade and Yew.



Where are they Now???
"Fury"

The movie horse known as "Fury" came from a farm in the state of Missouri and was originally known as "Highland Dale". Highland Dale was born on March 4th, 1943 and was only 18 months old when he was discovered by Ralph McCutcheon a trainer of animal motion picture stars

Highland Dale eventually became the horse in the famous television series Fury, starring Peter Graves and Bobby Diamond. The show first ran on NBC Saturday Morning from 1955-1960. It was syndicated from 1959 under the title "Brave Stallion" and then rerun on NBC 1960-1966

Fury would be described as an American Registered Saddle-Bred Stallion. He was 15 hands high. Fury had a great disposition and was a very handsome horse. He had access to Ralph's swimming pool, among other things. Ralph and Fury would do road trips in their trailer, and Ralph even had a yacht named "Fury". Fury was never gelded, and was never bred

Fury knew how to play dead, walk lame, untie a knot, laugh and whinny on command. But his very best trick was earning \$5000.00 a week! He was insured for more than a quarter million dollars.

Fury's other credits include starring in Black Beauty at the age of two. He was also in a movie called Gypsy Colt and afterwards cast as the black stallion in "Giant" He went on to work in "Wild is the Wind, Return of Wildfire, Return of October, Black Eagle, and Black Gold as well as a few miscellaneous episodes of "My Friend Flicka and Lassie"

Fury won a few Patsy Awards. Patsy's are animal awards somewhat equivalent to the Oscars received by their human counterparts. In 1958 Fury received a second place Patsy for "Wild is the Wind", a first place for "Gypsy Colt" in 1955 and a third place for the "Fury" series in 1960 and 1961.

Fury was probably the most prominent of horses as a star. Fury had been a star performer most of his life. His gross earnings were far above \$500,000 and he was second only to Lassie as a great money earner in Hollywood's animal kingdom.

Later in life, Fury developed a breathing disorder, and he remained with Ralph until his death at age 29.

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**Preventative Medicine:
Cause Treatment and
Prevention.**

When to Immunize your horse against common diseases.

The chart is a guideline of vaccines suggested for some general ages and classes of horses. Please consult your veterinarian for an individualized vaccine program for your horse, especially for broodmares.

The chart also contains **Rotavirus A** and **Rabies**, but I was unable to downsize it small enough to include them in the chart itself. The following is additional information which came directly from the included chart:

Rabies:

Foals and Weanlings

(consult veterinarian)

Yearlings (consult veterinarian)

Performance or Pleasure Horses (consult veterinarian)

Rotavirus A

Foals and Weanlings (little value to vaccination of foals because there is insufficient time to develop antibodies for protection during susceptible age.

Yearlings (not applicable)

Performance or Pleasure Horses (not applicable)

Disease/Vaccine	Foals and Weanlings	Yearlings	Performance or Pleasure Horses
Tetanus toxoid	<i>From non-vaccinated mare:</i> First dose: 3-4 months Second dose: 4-5 months <i>From vaccinated mare:</i> First dose: 6 months Second dose: 7 months	Annual	Annual
Equine Encephalomyelitis, Eastern, Western, Venezuelan (EEE, WEE, VEE)	EEE (in high-risk areas): First dose: 3-4 months Second dose: 4-5 months Third dose: 5-6 months WEE, EEE (in low-risk areas) and VEE: <i>From non-vaccinated mare:</i> First dose: 3-4 months Second dose: 4-5 months Third dose: 5-6 months <i>From vaccinated mare:</i> First dose: 6 months Second dose: 7 months	Annual, spring	Annual, spring
Influenza	Inactivated injectable: <i>From non-vaccinated mare:</i> First dose: 6 months Second dose: 7 months Third dose: 8 months, then at 3-month intervals. <i>From vaccinated mare:</i> First dose: 9 months Second dose: 10 months Third dose: 11-12 months, then at 3-month intervals. Intranasal modified live virus: First dose: 11 months, or as your veterinarian recommends.	Every 3-4 months.	Annual, with added boosters prior to likely exposure.
Rhinopneumonitis (EHV-1 and EHV-4)	First dose: 4-6 months Second dose: 5-7 months Third dose: 6-8 months, then at 3-month intervals.	Booster every 3 to 4 months up to annually.	<i>Performance horses:</i> Booster every 3-4 months up to annually. <i>Pleasure horses:</i> Optional: semi-annual if elected.
West Nile Virus	First dose: 3-4 months Second dose: 1 month later (plus 3rd dose at 6 months in areas at risk)	Annual booster, prior to expected risk. Vaccinate semi-annually or more frequently (every 4 months), depending on risk.	Annual booster, prior to expected risk. Vaccinate semi-annually or more frequently (every 4 months), depending on risk.
Strangles	<i>Injectable:</i> First dose: 4-6 months Second dose: 5-7 months Third dose: 7-8 months (depending on product used) Fourth dose: 12 months <i>Intranasal:</i> First dose: 6-9 months Second dose: 3 weeks later	Semi-annual	Optional: semi-annual if risk is high.
Potomac Horse Fever	First dose: 5-6 months Second dose: 6-7 months	Semi-annual	Semi-annual
Botulism (inactivated type B toxoid)	<i>From vaccinated mare:</i> 3-dose series of toxoid at 30-day intervals, starting at 2-3 months of age. <i>From non-vaccinated mare:</i>	Consult your veterinarian	Consult your veterinarian
Equine Viral Arteritis	Intact colts intended to be breeding stallions: one dose at 6-12 months of age. Little value to vaccination of foals because there is insuff	Annual for colts intended to be breeding stallions	Annual for colts intended to be breeding stallions

Kentucky Derby Quiz

- 1. How long is the Kentucky Derby?**
 - A) 1 ½ Miles
 - B) 1 Mile
 - C) 1 ¼ Miles
 - D) 2 Miles

- 2. What three races make up the Triple Crown?**
 - A) Belmont Stakes, Santa Anita, Kentucky Derby
 - B) Santa Anita, Preakness, Kentucky Derby
 - C) Kentucky Oaks, Kentucky Derby, Preakness
 - D) Belmont Stakes, Kentucky Derby, Preakness

- 3. Who was the last undefeated pre Kentucky Derby horse to win the race?**
 - A) Seattle Slew,
 - B) Sunday Silence
 - C) Cigar
 - D) Seabiscuit

- 4. Who holds the record for the fastest Derby time?**
 - A) Prickly Pete
 - B) Secretariat
 - C) Seattle Slew
 - D) Winning Colors

- 5. What trainer has won the most Derbys?**
 - A) Wayne Lukes
 - B) Ben Jones
 - C) Dick Thomson
 - D) John Lyons

- 6. What is the signature drink of the Kentucky Derby?**
 - A) Grasshopper
 - B) Pina Colada
 - C) Mint Julip
 - D) Fuzzy Navel

- 7. Who was the only Jockey to ride 2 Triple Crowns?**
 - A) Ron Tourcotte
 - B) Mickey Rooney
 - C) Bill Shoemaker
 - D) Eddie Arcaro

- 8. What was the year of the first Kentucky Derby?**
 - A) 1875
 - B) 1905
 - C) 1900
 - D) 1925

- 9. What is the name of the race track where the Kentucky Derby is held?**
 - A) Suffolk Downs
 - B) Churchill Downs
 - C) Lexington Racetrack
 - D) Kentucky Speedway

- 10. Who was the last Jockey to win 2 consecutive Derbys?**
 - A) Gary Stevens
 - B) Bill Shoemaker
 - C) John Pollard
 - D) Eddie Delahoussaye

Happy Birthday to Julian Thrum who turned 7 on April 23rd

A Horse's View of the World

- Arena: Place where humans can take the fun out of forward motion.
- Bit: Means by which a rider's every motion is transmitted to the sensitive tissues of the mouth.
- Bucking: counterirritant
- Crossties: Gymnastic apparatus.
- Dressage: Process by which some riders can eventually be taught to respect the bit.
- Fence: Barrier that protects good grazing.
- Grain: Sole virtue of domestication.
- Hitching rail: Means by which to test one's strength.
- Horse trailer: Mobile cave bear den.
- Hotwalker: The lesser of two evils.
- Jump: An opportunity for self-expression.
- Latch: Type of puzzle.
- Longeing: Procedure for keeping a prospective rider at bay.
- Owner: Human assigned responsibility for one's feeding.
- Rider: Owner overstepping its bounds.
- Farrier: Disposable surrogate owner; useful for acting out aggression without compromising food supply.
- Trainer: Owner with mob connections.
- Veterinarian: Flightless albino vulture

Puzzle Page

This month we have a horse colors word search and in keeping with the Kentucky Derby theme, a Seabiscuit coloring page.

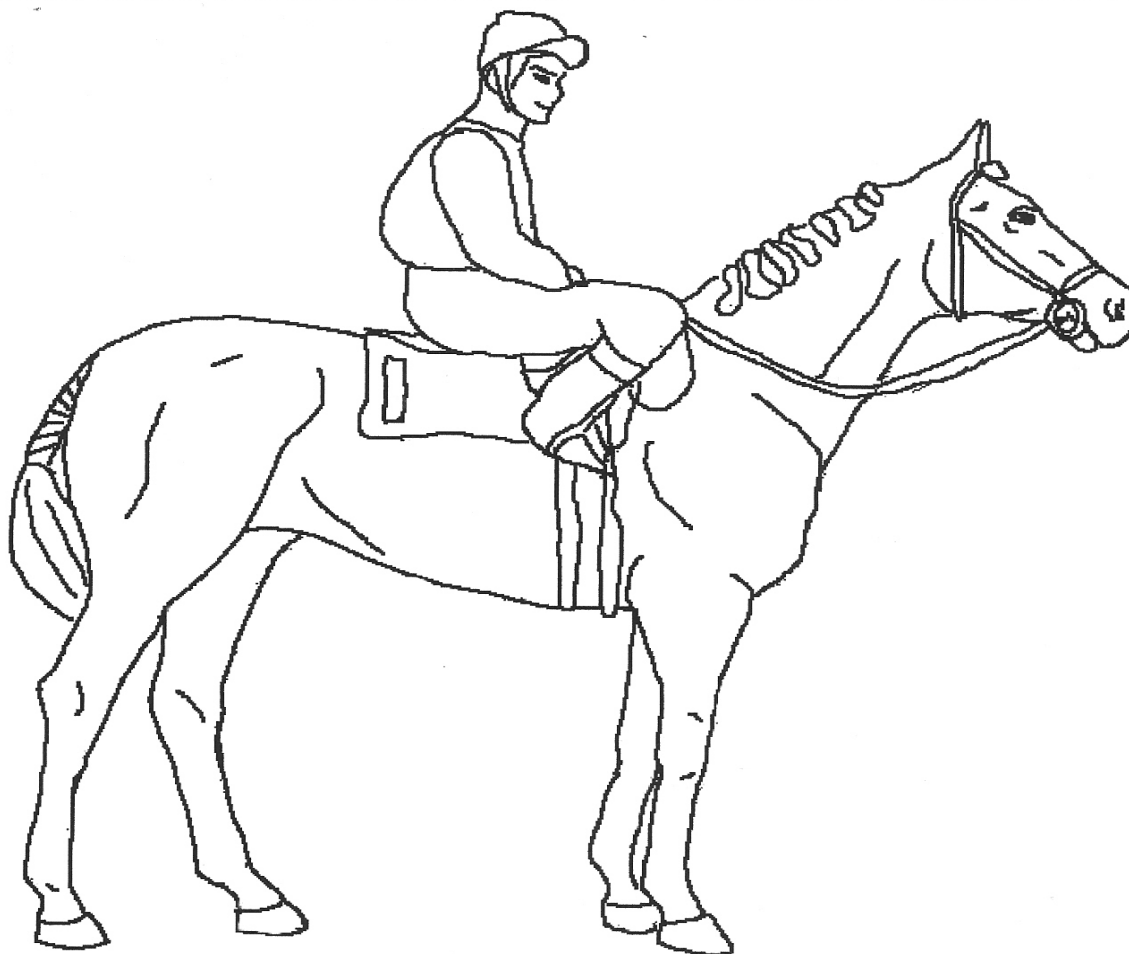
Answers to Kentucky Derby Quiz

- 1) C 2) D 3) A 4) B
 5) B 6) C 7) D 8) A
 9) B 10) D

Amber
 Bay
 Black
 Brown
 Buckskin
 Champagne
 Chestnut
 Classic
 Cream
 Cremello
 Dun
 Gold
 Grey
 Gruello
 Ivory
 Overo
 Palomino
 Roan
 Sabino
 Silver Dapple
 Smoky Black
 Sorrel
 Spotted
 Tobiano
 White

Horse Colors 3

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J	P	X	E	X	K	I	F	N	O	L	R	O	A	N
P	I	H	K	E	T	I	H	W	Q	W	E	Y	G	X
V	C	J	D	H	W	I	N	Y	A	I	A	V	V	X
P	O	Q	N	L	O	T	Z	K	K	Z	M	U	B	A



Seabiscuit and his jockey