

Longear News

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Calling All Volunteers

THE SDMS CLASSIC NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Plans for the SDMS Classic are in full swing and there's something we are desperately in need of! What's that?...so glad you asked! We need volunteers, that's what we need, and lots of them! Below is a list of jobs that we need our members help to fill. There's something for everyone. A more specific list with days and times will be available, but in general, here's what we need:

Measuring Miniatures
Gate Keepers
Timers
Ring Stewards
Cones Course Helper
Hospitality (making sure judges and volunteers don't die from thirst!)
Trail/Obstacles Crew

If any of these jobs strike your fancy please email contact Vicki Taylor at beecreekriding@gmail.com, and provide day and time preferences. The more people who volunteer, the fewer people she will have to hunt down! Thank you all in advance.

Speaking of the Classic

WE'RE NOT JUST SWITCHING VENUES

This year's Classic is special. Not only are we one of the first groups to use the newly expanded equine and livestock complex, we've also received approval from NMDA to be a sanctioned show!

NMDA sanctioned shows have been ongoing since 1992 and have enjoyed expanded participation over the years. The purpose of the Show Rules is to provide a framework for showing (Cont. next page)

that emphasizes the well being and safety of the breed, provides a level playing field between experienced and novice competitors of all ages, and fosters good sportsmanship. NMDA show rules can be found at:

www.nmdaasset.com/downloads/NMDA_ShowRules.pdf.

Entries for the show are due July 16, and we're excited to be one of the first groups to show in the new Bell County Expo Center Equine and Livestock Facility. The heart of the new facility is its 150'x300' performance surface. Add in air conditioning, seating for 1,000, attached warm-up arena with stalls and pens, a bar and grill, and the convenient location - we'll have a world-class show for everyone!

Horseman's Market

**BUY, SELL, TRADE ALL THINGS EQUINE
AND HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR SDMS!**

SDMS will have a booth at the Brazos Valley Driving & Riding Club's Annual Horsemen's Market Day at the Brazos County Expo Center in Bryan, TX.

The event is August 18th and funds raised by the SDMS booth will be donated to the club. Special thanks to Elaine and Larry Wolfe. If you have any items you would like to donate for sale, please contact Lynda Cornell at donksbyc@peoplepc.com.

Or join us in Bryan for this fun-filled event and shop for a cause. NO live animals, including dogs, are allowed. However, parking is free and so is admission.

Longears Festival

DATES AND LOCATION ANNOUNCED

This year's Longears Festival will be held November 9th and 10th at Rusty's Walnut Creek Ranch in Cedar Creek, Texas!

Walnut Creek is located 30 miles east of Austin and 8 miles west of Bastrop in the heart of Central Texas.

The ranch has a bunkhouse, two outside arenas, boarding paddocks, a pavilion, two separate 6 mile trails on opposite sides of the ranch for riding and driving. Make some new friends and experience life on a working Texas horse ranch with your SDMS Club! Additional details will be available soon.



Upcoming Events

July 4 Happy Independence Day!

July 16 CLASSic Entrys Due

August 10-12 SDMS CLASSic, Belton, TX

August 18 Brazos Valley Driving & Riding Club Horseman's Market Day, Bryan, TX

October 27-28 SDMS Spooktacular, Belton, TX

October 27 SDMS Board Meeting, Belton, TX

November 9-10 Longears Festival, Walnut Creek Ranch, Cedar Creek, TX

December 8 Year-End Banquet, Awards, & Annual Meeting, Heitmiller Steakhouse, Waco, TX





Do You Have What it takes?

NOW ACCEPTING BOARD AND OFFICER NOMINATIONS

SDMS is looking for the next generation of great leaders to represent and lead the club. Anyone wishing to hold office must be an adult member in good standing for at least one year prior to the election, which will take place December 8 at the annual meeting in Waco, Texas.

Nominations will be provided by the elections committee or by nominations on the floor. The Board of Directors consists of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Show Chair, Show Coordinator, and Points Keeper. Each position requires a two-year term.

If you'd like to serve or if you have any questions, contact President Greg Schlosser at: donkeygreg1941@gmail.com.

New Texas Rules

BOARD APPROVES NEW RULE BOOK

In April, the joint SDMS and GCDMA Rule Book Committee held a Texas Rule Book Meeting to update the rule book for 2019-2020. Keeping rules current is very important to the continued success of both clubs.

The new rules will be effective January 1, 2019. For the most part, the rules will look very similar, with the exception of a few things:

ATTIRE: It is mandatory that all youth wear an

ASTM/SEI approved helmet with harness during all English classes including flat and over fence classes. It is recommended that adult amateurs wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet in all English classes. It is mandatory where jumping is required.

TIME LIMIT for participation as Green: Exception to the time limit involving extreme circumstances to an animal will now be heard by the sanctioning clubs Hearing Committee (instead of the Texas Rule Book Committee).

GAME DRIVING CLASSES - Pole Bending Driving: The distance between the base of the poles shall be 16 feet (instead of 12).

SINGLE HITCH OBSTACLE DRIVING: Now the judge will assign a point value to each obstacle and points will be added to or subtracted from the score based on the animal's performance through the obstacle. Breaking the pattern will be an automatic disqualification; however, breaking gait is not a disqualification, but will be penalized.

CLOVERLEAF BARRELS: Removed the provision that the start/finish line should be a minimum of 45 feet from end of arena.

HUNTER HACK: Added that rails must be wood, ten feet long, and have a radius of four inches.

New Texas Rule Books will be available in December.

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