

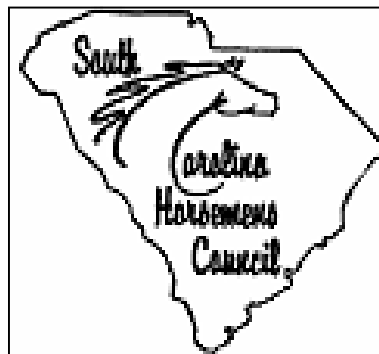
# South Carolina Horsemen's Council Update

## August 20, 2007



**This update is dedicated to all SCHC members who are interested in protecting, promoting, and improving the equine industry and recreational interests of equine owners in the state of South Carolina. The Horsemen's Council's Board of Directors is actively working to meet the needs of all of our members.**

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The SCHC Board of Directors meets the second Monday of every month. SCHC members and guests are welcome!



### President's Corner



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To My Fellow Equestrians,

Our first *newsletter* of 2007 and my first "President's letter" - FINALLY you are likely thinking! What you don't realize is what has gone on behind the scenes to make these pieces of paper in your hands a reality. My thanks go to those folks who have truly risen way past any call to duty and made a true commitment to SCHC. Anthony Dyches, your Board member now responsible for the newsletter, is having some very challenging family health issues. I ask you to keep Anthony and his family in your prayers. To help Anthony, and to make this newsletter a reality, your other Board members have developed and produced this "update". Yes - it looks different from those of the past and Yes - it will likely look different the next time you see it. We are a changing organization - one that is trying to learn how to most effectively serve you. So tell us what you like (or what you don't like). Send us your comments to our new email address at [schsecouncil1@aol.com](mailto:schsecouncil1@aol.com) and Kaye will make sure all Board members know what you are thinking.

Some other things that are changing. Check out our SCHC website. We are adding the Minutes of Board meetings to the site so that you can keep up with what is happening at all those Monday meetings! As a reminder, you are invited to attend the Board meetings. We meet the SECOND Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Dan Ramage Center (at the State Farmer's Market) in Columbia.

We want to make our calendar more meaningful. Please let us know if your saddle club, competitive group, 4-H, or whatever has a function that could be of interest to others in the state. The more we can share our activities the more we can strengthen our common denominator of the joy of the horse.

Make your plans to attend the annual meeting next Feb. The SCHC also has the honor of hosting the Southeastern Equestrian Trail Conference in Charleston in 2008 so we are busy working on it now. We will be very busy in the remainder of 2007 and into 2008! Looking forward to seeing you out there.

Take care and go hug a horse!

Carol



## Board of Directors




(Absent from picture were: Ivory Johnson, Anthony Dyches, Rebecca Housley, Lloyd Baxley, and John Conner)

### SCHC Board Priorities

1. Build an effective Board of Directors representing a broad cross section of equine interests
2. Improve administrative processes
3. Improve communications
4. Seek input from equestrian owners across the state about needed SCHC activities
5. Implement changes to the election process
6. Recommend By-Law changes as needed
7. Plan and execute an effective Annual Meeting and Equine Expo for Feb. 2008
8. Plan and execute an effective SE Equestrian Trails Conference for Aug. 2008
9. Get Council on a sound financial basis
10. Maintain effective involvement in equine legislative issues

### Important SCHC Dates

- .Sept 8 - Board of Directors planning meeting
- .Oct 13 - Board of Directors Regular Meeting, Dan Ramage Center, Columbia, SC
- .Nov 10 - Board of Directors Regular Meeting, Dan Ramage Center, Columbia, SC
- .Dec 8 - Board of Directors planning meeting
- .Jan 14, 2008 - Board of Directors planning meeting
- .Feb 9, 2008 – SCHC Annual Meeting and Expo @ Circle M Ranch in Pelzer, SC




## South Carolina Horsemen's Council

### Expo and Annual Meeting

# February 9, 2008

9:30 am until 6:00 pm

Located at Circle M Ranch in Pelzer, SC



The 2007 Equine Expo held in conjunction with our annual meeting at Circle M Ranch was a huge success. We had several hundred attendees, several seminars, lots of exhibitors, participation from 25 different breeds, and several demonstrations. It was a good day for horse enthusiasts to bring the family and enjoy a wide variety of equine activities.

The 2008 Annual Meeting and Expo promises to be an even bigger event with a lot more participation. We will again have seminars, demonstrations, exhibitors, and a parade of breeds. The Circle M Ranch will again host this event. We appreciate their generosity and active support of the SC Horsemen's Council and equine industry in general. Please make your plans now to come and support this exciting endeavor. It is an opportunity to learn some new equine information, support your state organization, participate in the election process, and mingle with fellow equine people. Bring your family and friends, there is plenty for all to do. Admission to SCHC members is free. Non-members \$5 per person.



### Schedule of Events

9:30am - Gates open, Vendor exhibits open

10:00am -6:00pm

- Seminars
- Demonstrations
- Annual Business Meeting
- Parade of Breeds & Special Demonstrations

**For more information, contact:**  
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# Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference



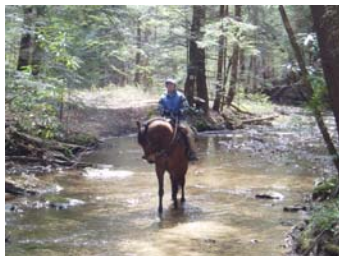
The **South Carolina Horsemen’s Council** is proud to host the 2008 Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference (SETC) to be held in Charleston, SC July 31 – August 2, 2008. The theme for SETC 2008 is “Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow – Providing for Future Equestrians”

The Planning Committee, chaired by Jim Edwards, District 1 Director from Laurens, SC, is making plans for this to be a super event for South Carolina.

We are getting excellent involvement and support from state & federal agencies that are in charge of SC public trails.

The eleven southeastern states have now been joined by West Virginia and Texas. This is well on its way to being a national event.

Several members of the Planning committee just returned from the 2007 SETC held in Knoxville, Tn. July 19-21. It was a huge success and South Carolina got a lot of good publicity and information for our upcoming event in 2008. The committee is currently engaged in negotiating hotel rates for the conference, securing sponsors and exhibitors, and arranging for nationally recognized speakers. These speakers will present topics of interest on building equestrian trails, creating new trails systems, equine legislation, and other topics of interest to horse people. This is a chance for South Carolina horse people to showcase our state and enhance the cooperation between governmental agencies who manage our public trails. South Carolina hosted the first of these events in 1998 at Clemson, SC. We are proud to be hosting it again and need lots of volunteers to assist with making this event the best ever. If you are willing to help, contact Jim Edwards, 673 Easy Road, Laurens, SC 29360, telephone 864-683-5757 or email @ [jim.edwards1@yahoo.com](mailto:jim.edwards1@yahoo.com)



Note: To avoid conflicts with the numerous planned rides scheduled around the state this Fall, we will not be conducting a SCHC sponsored trail ride in 2007.



# **Education**

## **Unwanted horses – Own Responsibly**

First the numbers – actually we don't have exact numbers for the many unwanted horses that exist. Nor do we know their age, breed, sex, what they do or did or what happens to them in the long run. Tens of thousands of horses that could be classified as unwanted are shipped to facilities in the US, Canada and Mexico each year. These faceless and nameless horses just drop below the radar screen and fail to even become a statistic.

How did these horses become unwanted? Lots of reasons. Horses become sick, injured, old, outgrown, dangerous, too expensive or burdensome. Unfortunately, the number of horses exceeds the resources currently available to accommodate them. \$1800 - \$2400 per year is the current estimate for providing basic care. This can be a huge sum, especially if the horse is no longer usable to you.

This is where we can become advocates for horses by urging people to OWN RESPONSIBLY. The Unwanted Horse Coalition ([www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org](http://www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org)) is a broad alliance of equine organizations that have joined together under the auspices of the American Horse Council to reduce the numbers of unwanted horses in part by teaching people to own responsibly. We can be a part of an effort to educate existing and potential horse owners about the long-term responsibilities of owning and caring for horses. We can help horse owners focus on opportunities available for these potential unwanted horses such as retirement, retraining, new careers and uses, donations and euthanasia. The Unwanted Horse Coalition hopes to utilize industry resources to put owners of these horses in touch with the individuals and facilities that will welcome them.

We all need to become better informed about end of life issues for our horses and what it really means to "Own Responsibly". Our responsibility begins BEFORE our stewardship and extends AFTER our care.

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## **Equine Health Alert from SC Dept of Agriculture** **Officials Urge Residents to be Vigilant for West Nile Virus**

COLUMBIA, SC – With the first cases of West Nile virus confirmed in the state for the 2007 mosquito season, Hugh Weathers, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Dr. Tony Caver, State Veterinarian, urge all residents to search and destroy mosquito breeding grounds around farms, homes, and businesses.

"Protect yourself and your family by wearing long sleeves and pants and using the recommended repellent, Weathers says. "Make sure that there is no standing water where mosquitoes can breed and, if possible, stay inside at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active."

Weathers adds, "Protect your horses, mules, and donkeys as well. Horses can become infected with West Nile virus after being bitten by an infected mosquito, but there is no evidence that horses can transmit West Nile virus to other horses, birds, or people."

Some horses that are exposed to West Nile virus may show no clinical symptoms. Of the horses that become ill, symptoms may vary from mild to severe. The most common symptoms reported in SC, according to Clemson University Livestock and Poultry Health, include leg weakness or paralysis, stumbling, general incoordination, muscle tremors of the face, drooling and inability to eat or drink well, depression, and, recumbency, seizures, and death.

If owners are concerned that their horse may be exhibiting signs of encephalitis, they should contact their local veterinarian. Only laboratory tests can confirm the diagnosis of West Nile encephalitis.

Dr. Tony Caver, State Veterinarian, says, "The key to preventing or controlling West Nile virus is to control mosquito populations." He urges owners to eliminate areas of standing water in which mosquitoes breed and apply insect repellents according to label instructions. For better protection, he urges owners to contact a local veterinarian about vaccinations to protect against West Nile virus.

For more information about West Nile virus, contact Dr. Tony Caver, 803-788-2260. For more information about the state's Equine Industry, contact Mary Ellen Tobias, 803-734-2349.

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## Member Activities



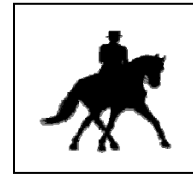
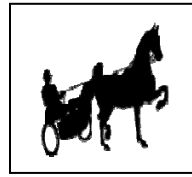
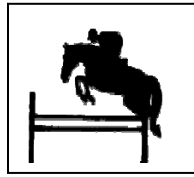
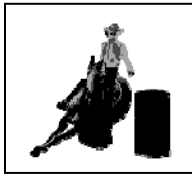
SCHC Booth at Annual meeting and Expo at Circle M Ranch in Pelzer in February.



SCHC members attending the SC Trails Forum in Tamassee, SC in March



Our SETC Planning Committee members attending the 2007 conference in Knoxville, Tn July 19-21.



## **Local Happenings**

### **Carolina Trailblazers Saddle Club – 1020 Clyde School Road, Hartsville, SC 29550**

In July, the club hosted its annual homemade ice cream supper. Lots of cool flavors were enjoyed, as well as some other good food. Kimberly McCoy, Equine Dentist, and local resident, provided information with a question and answer presentation, some cadavers, and hands on by using a live horse so people could feel the rough edges of the teeth that needed floating. We had a large crowd in attendance with several guests.

In August, the club will be hosting the local 4-H group and one of their leaders, Michelle Shoemake. Everyone is looking forward to learning more about the 4-H current happenings and future plan.

September will be lots of fun for the club. There will be a Hot Dog & Chili Dog Supper and an evening of Bingo. Money collected will be divided 50/50 between the winners and the club. This is usually a lot of fun with lots of laughter.

We continue to schedule club rides to some of our favorite places throughout the year. We have been to Manchester, Cooper Black, Big South Fork, Blowing Rock, and Mt Rogers already. We have also been attending other horse events: rodeos, SCHC Annual Meeting & Expo, organized rides, local shows & fun events, South Eastern Trail Conference, etc.

Several of our club members are members of the SCHC. They are pleased with the improvements underway and have offered to assist the Board in moving forward.

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### **Pendleton Area Saddle Club, PO Box 485, PENDLETON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29670**

To: South Carolina Horsemen's Council

July 27, 2007

Dear Council Members:

We have received your communication regarding recent events. It is our sincere desire to be contributing members to the organization and to support the mission of the Horse Council. We hope that it will become a more vocal advocate for the horse industry and we endorse measures needed to achieve that status. Since our district is in need of another representative we will make it our goal to assist in finding a qualified, interested individual to fill that slot. We also intend to encourage our Club members to become active Horse Council members. One of the greatest opportunities we see in the immediate future is the upcoming Trail Conference. This is a gigantic undertaking and will require the cooperative effort of the State's horse enthusiasts. As evidence of our support of this conference we are making a monetary contribution of \$1,000 and challenge other saddle clubs to follow our lead. It is important that we promote South Carolina and leave a lasting, favorable impression on those who will be attending this conference.

Thank you for your efforts on our behalf. We realize that the Council can only be as strong and successful as its members.

Sincerely,  
Dolly Jackson, Secretary

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board of Directors  
South Carolina Horsemen's Council,

July 27, 2007

**On behalf of the South Carolina Farrier's Association, we would like to extend our support to your association. The SCFA looks forward to the opportunity to make a working relationship with the SCHC in helping to better the horse industry in the state of South Carolina. We see the best possible way to begin this process is through education.**

**Again, we are here to support the SCHC during their time of change and betterment.**

Sincerely,  
**South Carolina Farrier's Association  
Board of Directors**

Note to all of SCHC members: We invite you to submit articles and information for publication in the newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to update you on Board activities and provide information on various equine activities across the state, especially those involving SCHC members.

## **Administrative Changes – Election Process**

A lot of people who attended the last Annual Meeting expressed concern over how the elections process was conducted. We have developed a much better defined and more open process for the coming year. We believe you will be well pleased with the changes. A summary of these changes are as follows:

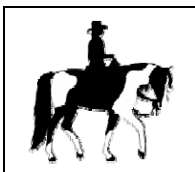
- The nominating committee has already been formed with a representative from each district of the state (5). These committee members are listed on our website
- This committee would like recommendations from the general membership on nominees for the vacant offices. Please send to our email address, mailing address, or call our president
- Offices up for election in 2008: President, first Vice-President, 4-Directors at Large, 1-District 2 Director, 1- District 5 Director
- Once the nominating committee has evaluated all recommendations, it will select the candidates believed to be most appropriate for the office and place those on the ballot
- The nominating committee will confirm that the nominees are willing to serve and communicate information about them at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting Feb.9, 2008
- Any SCHC member can make a nomination from the floor at the annual meeting

## **We Really Want to Hear from You**

Our Board of Directors is extremely interested in hearing from our fellow members about what you expect from the Horsemen's Council.

1. What activities should we be engaged in?
2. What information would you like from the Board?
3. What educational programs should we offer?
4. What role should we play between the various associations, saddle clubs, and equine organizations across the state?
5. How can we get more involvement from the membership?
6. How should we structure the Annual meeting? Should we have more than one general membership meeting?
7. What involvement would you like to have with the Council?

There are many questions we could ask, but we are more interested in what you have to say. We could take off in many different directions, but we would rather have your comments on where you think this Council should be focused. Please take the time to respond to us with any thoughts, suggestions, or opinions that you have. This is your organization and we want it to meet your expectations.



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Due to some transitional administrative difficulties, we were unable to work in sponsor ads on this issue, but will include those in the future.

## Upcoming Events

1. Sept. 13-16, 2007, 3rd Annual Statewide Trail Ride at Lakeview Plantation, White Horse Equestrian Ministries Host. Contact Roxie Williamson, [rwpraisehim@aol.com](mailto:rwpraisehim@aol.com) for further info and register on line at [www.lakeviewplantation.com](http://www.lakeviewplantation.com). Everyone Welcome!
2. Free Admission - Paul Daily Ministries Training event, 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, Clemson Equestrian Center Complex in Camden, SC. Contact the Great Adventurers Equestrian Ministries President Johnny Stokes at [jfstokesjr@wmconnect.com](mailto:jfstokesjr@wmconnect.com) for further info. (803)425-5736
3. Free Admission - Paul Daily Ministries Training event, 7-9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 26, 2007, Sand Run Farm in Aiken, SC. Contact Faith Riders Equestrian Ministries President Cindy Ray at [horselady4860@hotmail.com](mailto:horselady4860@hotmail.com) for further info. (803)507-4547
4. Free Admission - Paul Daily Ministries Training event, 3-5 p.m., Sat. Oct. 27, Whispering Pines Stables in Mauldin, SC. Contact Upstate Equestrian Ministries President, Debbie Webster at [thehorselady@charter.net](mailto:thehorselady@charter.net) for further info. (864)288-0655
5. Southern Trail Riders – Oct 19-21 at 634 Lamar Hwy, Timmonsville, SC. Call Stephanie Campbell at 843-346-3878 for directions and information or email [campbellroofing@bellsouth.net](mailto:campbellroofing@bellsouth.net). \$20 per person for weekend includes camping, ride, and Fri & Sat supper. Electric & water \$5.00 per night. Ride starts at 11:00am on Saturday. Fri. nite Haunted Hill visit and Sat. nite live DJ. Everyone is welcome.

## Future Communications

As you know, we are trying to minimize expenses to our Council. Postage rates are high and it takes a lot of manpower and expense to print copies, make address labels, and attach stamps to documents. With many of us using email these days, it is one of the less expensive, quicker, and often more effective means of communications. If you would be willing to receive future communications via email rather than through the postal service, please send us your email address. It saves us significant time and money to use this much more efficient means of communicating. If you still prefer a hard copy, we will gladly send it to you. However, if you can accept email, it will give us all a little more time to spend with our horses, as well as save us money.

**Please send your email address to [schorseouncil1@aol.com](mailto:schorseouncil1@aol.com). Thank you.**

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