



Next General Membership Meeting

****Tuesday, July 19th at 6:15 pm – NEW TIME****

Location: Jane Swanhorst Ringolsby's and Tracy Ringolsby's Home

Address: 1526 Fox Chase Road, Cheyenne

Directions: Go west on Horse Creek 7.8 miles and then turn south onto CR 215 (mailboxes on corner), continue for 1.5 miles, turn right (north) onto Fox Chase Road and Ringolsby's will be on your left.

Come One! Come All! See a Possible Site for the Schooling Show to Include Cross Country!!

Co-Hosts: Jane and Bitsy – snacks; Siegels – beverages and a Surprise!

Program: Tour property ON FOOT as possible site for May Schooling Show
to include Cross Country Course.

Minutes of the June 21, 2011, Meeting

Members Present: Val and Steve Siegel, Jane Swanhorst, Diane Wenzell, Terry Whitenight, Julie Daniels, and Bitsy Heckert (acting secretary).

Program

Members were greeted on Kaycee Place by Steve Siegel on one of his huge horses, complete with reflector tape around his pasterns, stirrups, and elsewhere as dusk approached, and directed to the indoor arena.

It was full of carefully placed obstacles such as a stationary bridge, another with gently sloping 'on' and 'off' ramps which became a low see-saw by placing a pole under the notches on each side of the center. There were spring loaded, padded 'arms' attached to jump standards to serve as gates of varying widths; cavalettis for jumps; a series of polo wraps hanging from the rafters down to about 3 or 4 feet above the ground, and other wider, stiffer, strips of material mounted similarly but noisy as horses parted them in passing; and finally a blazing flare!

Besides negotiating these obstacles, Steve and Val rode along one wall in a 'half-flying-wedge' moving the rest of us off the wall as they have moved crowds. At the end of the arena were photos being projected on the wall of the horse patrols, immense crowds, and peculiarly attired or body painted people at concerts where they had worked.

During and following the demonstrations by Steve and Val, it was all a great adventure for Jane on Val's buckskin horse, and Julie on Rico to negotiate these obstacles. Rico – a Thoroughbred yet – was a champ, handling everything very well. What a treat it was to hear of the calm, gentle techniques used to introduce horses to this kind of obstacle course, many parts of which we all may encounter in our riding careers. Steve and Val graciously offered to teach these techniques to us and our horses. (Call Bitsy, 632-4151, after the August show or Siegels, 632-7587, if interested.)

Business Meeting

Sponsors: Jane Swanhorst stressed the importance and ease with which everyone could get sponsors for the dressage show and stated \$600 had already been raised. [*I recommended that fund raisers keep track of all donors and amounts and report them promptly to Julie Daniels (home 433-9756, cell 307-752-9756) and forward the checks promptly to Sue Gentle.*] With no other Wyoming recognized shows, Jane anticipates a big draw for competitors within a few hundred miles to the north. Jane also spoke of the financial problems NCDA has had, hoping we could avoid the same.

The Tack Room in Laramie has been very generous about donating awards, and Julie volunteered to call Connie Woodruff regarding the 6 high score awards we will be giving that weekend. We like supporting a Wyoming business, as well, and welcome her and her merchandise to the show grounds.

Photographer, Shrubbery, Volunteers, Meeting dates and time: Other show preparations were discussed as well as the proposal to change the meeting dates and time to the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:15 pm. More on this at the August meeting and BBQ which are tentatively set for Tuesday, August 16, at 6:15 pm at Bitsy Heckert's.

Please recall that as Club President Makaanah Morriss originally suggested the idea of Co-Hostesses for our meetings. It was stated in the January 2005 minutes/newsletter as follows:

Hostess/Co-Hostess. The Co-Hostess position at our meetings would be appropriate for people who are unable to host meetings at their homes due to location or space constraints. . . .

Upcoming Meetings:

August BBQ- August 16- 6:15 pm -Bitsy Heckert's