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GYMKHANA AWARDS & DANCE

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Woodland Park Saddle Club will be hosting the 2007 Gymkhana Awards presentation. The event will take place on Saturday, October 20th at the Ute Pass Cultural Center in Woodland Park. Below is the schedule for the evening:

5:00 pm	Doors Open – Ute Pass Cultural Center
5:30 pm	Potluck (please bring a dish to share)
6:30 pm	Awards Ceremony
7:30 pm	Clean Up
8:00 pm	Dance / Bar Opens (DJ)
11:00 pm	Dance Ends

All 2007 Gymkhana participants, up to age 18, will be admitted to the dance free of charge.

The dance is open to membership and the general public. It will begin at 8:00 pm. The cost is \$3.00 single and \$5 couple. Please spread the word to your friends, neighbors and acquaintances.

Please contact Inge Jacobsohn at 719-576-8311 with any questions about the awards ceremony or dance.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS UPDATE

It's been two years in the works, but the Club has finally received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service indicating the Club is now exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Review Code. This status will also be retroactive to when the Club was formed on June 22, 1948. Contributions to the Club are now tax deductible and gift contributions are tax deductible. The IRS also determined the Club to be a public charity. This new tax exempt status will allow the Club to apply for Grant monies. Something the Club has not been able to do in the past. According to the agency that the Club hired to process the 501(c)(3) paperwork, they have never seen a club go from one status to another status, along with it being retroactive to the Club's conception. They said our paperwork is going on their Wall of Fame.

The Board is currently reviewing proposals from members and non-members, who have come forward to offer, assistance in grant writing.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

The Woodland Park Saddle Club returns to Woodland Park on Saturday, October 20th at the Ute Pass Cultural Center! A dance will follow a potluck dinner and the awards for the Gymkhana season. I am looking forward to seeing lots of familiar faces and old friends who ride the dance floor and not necessarily our four legged critters.

We were sorry to lose Secretary, Jan Kelsey's services, but wish her success in her nursing career in Colorado Springs. The Board has appointed Craig Knowles to finish out Jan's term. We are very fortunate to have found a member of the Club, off and on for years, who has spent 40+ years as a Court Recorder.

The due diligence on the Jerry Johnson property is almost complete and we are almost ready with our application for a Special Use Permit to the County.

There is interest from several parties in the old property near Safeway and the opening of Wal-Mart has definitely raised more attention from several parties. If we can avoid using a Commercial Real Estate Broker, we can save approximately \$200,000.00 or over 2/3 rd the estimated cost of a clubhouse in the proposed indoor arena. We are dealing already with a number of entities, but as we all know too well, it's never over till the Fat Lady sings.

We have enjoyed a colorful series of trail rides this fall and some hearty types are looking to have a few more this winter, highlighted by a New Year's Day ride, but more later. Let's focus on October 20th.

Jim

GROUP TRAIL RIDES submitted by Margaret Gottlob, 719-687-0166

The group trail rides, held in September and early October, have been well attended. Feedback from riders have suggested a later departure time. **Future rides will depart at 10:00 am.**

The weather is now unpredictable and it could snow at any time. With that in mind, please use your own judgment on whether to attend a scheduled ride or not. If your unsure or do not live in the Teller County area, please call me the night before the ride or by 8:00 am the morning of the ride to see if the rides been cancelled due to bad weather.

Below are group rides scheduled for late October and early November:

Sunday, October 21st = Women's Federation (Divide)

Sunday, October 28th = Phantom Creek (Divide)

Directions coming from WP: When you get to the light in Divide, turn right or North. At "Y" vier left onto CR 51 (Cedar Mountain Rd). You will go past Golden Bell Camp and eventually come to another "Y". At the "Y" you will be at the intersection of CR 51 and FS 363 (Phantom Creek Rd). Vier Right onto FS 363. Trail head should be right around that point. Tina Staat and Margaret Gottlob will be there ahead of time. Look for their trailers.

If you plan to go on this ride, please call Margaret ahead of time – in case these directions need to be tweaked, I know who to contact. Thank you.

Sunday, November 4th = Muller State Park (Divide)

Go in at Main Entrance to Muller State Park – park in Livery area.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting is Thursday, November 1st at 6:30 pm at the Woodland Professional Building, 400 W. Midland in Woodland Park on the second floor. Membership is encouraged to attend Board meetings.

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Newsletter submitted by Margaret Gottlob, Vice President.

P.S. Sorry the newsletter is not in the format you've been accustom to seeing. Everyday lives have been very busy this month. Thanks for your understanding ☺