

APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER



****Our April Meeting is CANCELLED****

Letter from The President:

Dear Posse Members,

Happy Spring!!! I think I can safely say that we all deal with muddy paddocks and pastures. Plus dirty mud stained horses that are shedding, creating mounds of hair all over and everywhere. In the past couple weeks, we have seen some warmer days but as we all know, the Midwest weather is very unpredictable and we still could see some of the white stuff plus tumultuous storms. Keeping fingers crossed that is not the case.

I know spring is here as the yearly migration of the Great White Northern Pelicans from Florida to Canada has begun as they have landed for a stopover on the Chain of Lakes. I have seen a few Loons and Ring Neck Ducks too. It is exciting as the land around us is beginning to "wake up and bloom after a long cold winter with spring beauties like daffodils, tulips, hyacinth and crocus. Animal babies are starting to arrive. What a beautiful site to see; the beginning of growth anew after the dormancy of winter. Our world comes alive with color, sights, smells and sounds.

As I write the President's letter, like me, you are most likely sheltering in place amid the COVID-19 pandemic or at least practicing safe distancing and not congregating in groups. You probably have experienced the empty shelves at the grocery stores of much needed health supplies, paper goods and other items. In light of the pandemic, I didn't want to begin this letter, on COVID-19 as I wanted to focus more on the beauty "awakening" all around us. Please don't get me wrong, I am not discounting the severity of COVID-19. I just wanted to begin with some happier thoughts among these trying times that we are facing.

Amid COVID-19, life as we know it is changing. We are learning to adapt to new ways of doing things that were routine for us prior to this pandemic. The club, for one is not immune to impending changes. We will need to make some adjustments to a few of our upcoming events and meetings. The board has already experienced adaptation. The board had their March meeting "Virtual". A great big "Thank you" goes to Mike Mahan for arranging the means for us to conduct the meeting via WebEx with voice and video. Amidst the "virtual" board business meeting, we sure had some laughs. We saw Maverick pop in, heard Betsy say

“where’d you all go? “ I can’t see you and Scott Sivright looking for their dog Zoey. We made it work and had fun doing so.

Some immediate changes you will see is that the April 11th trail ride is cancelled. The trails of Lakewood are still open but congregating in large groups is not allowed and the rangers are monitoring this closely. We want to respect this as we don’t want LCFPD shutting down the trails. The April General Meeting is also cancelled. Not sure if the board will reschedule Mike Tully or not. The April Trail Clinic at the end of the month is also on hold. *Per Kelly Dickson, “We have 1 spot open. Everyone is paid in full. Hawkspur is currently on a soft shutdown. No lessons, no visitors or guests. It is likely the event will be rescheduled or even cancelled due to the current virus situation. In that case we would refund \$ of course. I will send out an email to all paid riders early April. The hard lockdown expires on the day before the scheduled event, but all are. How many more events will be affected by COVID-19 is yet to be determined, as it is a day by day, week by week and maybe month by month, a wait and see. The board asks for your patience, understanding and cooperation. Be assured that we will use all means available to communicate any updates/cancellations to the membership.*

In closing, I ask that we remember those that may be part of our membership and those that may not be, who are out there on the frontlines, risking their lives each and every day to help during this pandemic. The list includes Doctors, Nurses, Truck Drivers, First Responders, Veterinarians, Store Clerks and Gas Station Attendants. This list *only* identifies just a few of the many occupations that are out there making sure that we are taken care of, safe from harm, our infrastructure continues, healthy and we have what we need to live our daily lives. Also remember those small businesses that supported our fundraisers when asked for donations. It is time to support them as they are the heart of our towns. Some have had to shut their doors as they are not a necessity. Last but not least, remember those that are unemployed having lost their jobs, struggling to make ends meet or are ill, suffering anxiety or maybe can’t be with their loved ones at this time. Be patient. Be understanding. Be kind. Remember... *We are all in this together, facing our own challenges.*

Be Well and Stay Safe,
Debi Neuman
2019-2020
LCMP President

*“It is not the strongest of the species that survives nor the most intelligent, but the one most adaptable to change”
-Charles Darwin*

General Meeting Speaker Recap

At the March General Meeting, we had our own Lake County Mounted Posse Member Roberta Harms as our guest speaker. If you were unable to attend, you missed a very interesting presentation about Roberta’s endurance and competitive rides.

Roberta just received the Hall of Fame award this past January from the Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Rides Association, (UMECRA). Roberta was given the Hall of Fame award for her accomplishments and general help that she has given over the years. UMECRA is the local sanctioning body for distance riding in WI, IL, MN and MI. Roberta is generally in the top 5 of riders at any given ride and receives year-end awards.

The club was fortunate to view in person the drawing of Roberta’s winning horse. Roberta’s horse in the picture she said was an amazing horse that she traveled all over the country riding. Roberta’s horse did over 11000 miles, is a National Hall of Fame horse and received an award called Perfect 10. Only 8 other horses have gotten this award. After

Roberta's horse's retirement from competition, she rode him when she joined the Posse. Roberta has over 22000 miles in rides over 50 miles plus about another 10000 miles of competitive trail, using numerous horses.

The people in Roberta's distance riding community are basically friends. Endurance and competitive riding is not a "blood sport". They ride for fun and help each other out. There are "unwritten" rules which are mostly just polite horsemanship. One "unwritten" rule is that you don't leave a water spot if one horse is still drinking. That horse will quit drinking and thus will be susceptible to dehydration. Welfare of the horse is paramount!

It is said that Roberta is top 5 in the Nation. Roberta's response, "Well I don't know, possibly locally in UMECRA".



Trail Ride News

Trail Ride scheduled for April 11, 2020 at Chain O' Lakes has been **CANCELLED**. Please check emails, Facebook, and our website for the most up to date news.

Horse Show Updates

NEED HORSE SHOW SPONSORS

July will be here faster than you think! The success of our show is based on the participants and volunteers but the biggest impact to the bottom line is the amount of sponsors we can get.

Let's have everyone commit to getting a sponsor or two for the show. Ask for support from your farrier, vet, farm store, feed store, equine dentist, trainer, the place that services your truck or tractor, the shavings vendor, the doctor of chiropractor that puts you back together after a fall :-) (in my case they could pay for the whole show LOL), the store you buy your carrots at, the insurance dealer, or anyone that loves horses and wants to see these local horse shows continue.

The first large dollar sponsors will be able to have their names on the show bill sponsoring the high points and the payback classes. There are a limited number of classes so get the \$\$ in early if they want that extra perk. Everyone that sponsors will be announced throughout the day, their names will be displayed on our sponsor boards for everyone to see, and we would love business cards or brochures to put out on the registration table.

If they would like to attend the show, they can even hand out some ribbons!

Sponsor sheets are available on our website > [Sponsor Form](#)

Thank you for your support!

*-The Horse Show Committee-
Ghislaine and Kelly*

Trail Clinic 2020

Sited from President's Letter:

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Historical Committee

The Historical Committee met on March 3, 2020. Meeting notes available by request. Contact Kelsey Mascorro (k_mascorro@yahoo.com)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR - also available on our Website! > [LCMP Calendar](#)

- ~~April 8: General Meeting at Tacos El Norte, Gurnee IL 7:30pm~~
 - **CANCELLED**

- ~~April 11: Trail Ride at Chain O' Lakes, Spring Grove IL 10:00am~~
 - **CANCELLED**

- ~~April 17-19: Midwest Horse Fair at Alliant Energy Center, Madison WI~~
 - **CANCELLED**

- April 22: Board Meeting by Video Conference - 7:00pm
 - If you would like to participate in this meeting, please contact Debi at debra.neuman@gmail.com

- April 25: Trail Clinic at Hawkspur Farms, Pleasant Prairie WI
 - **ON HOLD – check emails for latest update**

Posse Wear

The link for Besco can be found on our website! For convenience, we have added a direct link below.



[Besco Website Order Form](#)

Anie's Jams and Jellies

Message from Anie Weeler:



"If anyone needs some jam, they can contact Ghislaine and I will deliver them to her house. They will be outside on her table with a jar for payment. If they live near me, they could come to my house and in the back I will have their order on the table. See you soon, Anie Weeler"