



## April 2019 NEWSLETTER



### [Our April Meeting is at Tacos El Norte](#)

Our next **General Meeting** is **Wednesday, April 10th** at **Tacos El Norte**, 401 N Riverside Dr #27, Gurnee.

The meeting room opens at 6:00pm if you would like to dine prior to the meeting. Sign-in & Social Time @ 7:00. Meeting will begin promptly at 7:30pm.

### **April General Meeting Speaker**

Our next meeting will have Jean Maraist, Program Dir. from Main Stay Therapeutic Farm. She will be discussing what the volunteers do with the kids, share a video with us and talk about the farm.

### **Sponsors Needed!!!**

Our annual horse show is a huge fundraising event for us. This is an "all hands-on deck" event. The most critical activity prior to the show is getting sponsors.

Ghislaine sent in an email the current sponsor list. This is a list of sponsors from the show last year. We need members to contact them in person, phone or email and inquire if they will sponsor us again this year. When you make initial contact please notify Kelly Dickson by text or email. Sponsor forms were attached and also available on the website and at all general meetings.

Also attached in the email is an updated horse show bill. This revision includes the Judge and announces the Ruby Holmquist Overall High Point Award. You should discard any copies and replace with this. Additional copies will be available at the April General Meeting. Please post at local businesses and barns.

Thank you,

Ghislaine deKoning, 2019 Horse Show Chair

Our April meeting is your opportunity to sign up for club activities and fun. Activity & clip boards will be posted for members to sign up to volunteer. We will continue to solicit members to volunteer until we have all spots filled.

## Letter From The President:

Happy Spring!!! I think I can safely say that as we all deal with muddy paddocks, pastures and trails. Not to say the shedding creating mounds of hair and dirty horses. Past couple weeks we have seen some warmer days but as we all know Midwest weather is very unpredictable and we still could see some of the white stuff. 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 lakes I live on. I have seen a few Loons and Ring Neck Ducks too. Beautiful site to see. It is exciting as the land is beginning to wake up and bloom after a long cold winter.

March was a busy month with our first trail ride at the chain of lakes with Fuzz as the sponsor. It was a little misty day but a fun ride with a chili dump following. Thank you Fuzz. Also, we had our first "social" event of the year, bowling at Antioch Bowl. This event had a good showing. Fun was had by all with bowling, pizza and pop. I just couldn't get over Maverick Houghtaling's little bowling shoes. Just adorable and what a little bowler!!! Plus, our general meeting speaker John from MTT with good information on getting out trailers in tip top shape for the season.

April's month starts off with a trail ride on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and then the Midwest Horse Fair the following week. Any Posse members going Saturday, there will be a meet up at the "Globe" around noon to share information and have a group lunch. Then two weeks later is the Trail Clinic at Hawkspur which is sold out again for the (2<sup>nd</sup>) year in a row but still available for auditors. Thank you, Kelly Dickson.

We are still in need of Sponsors for the horse show in June. This is very important that we get sponsors. The horse show is our biggest money maker for the club and sponsor money is needed to make this happen. Please take some sponsor forms from the meeting or download from the website. I challenge each member to get (2) sponsors signed up. Who knows, I might have something special for the person with the most sponsors turned in.

See you at the April General Meeting. Our program is a good one!

Debi Neuman

*"No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle" Winston Churchill*

## Please Explain the Membership

We have been getting questions in the regards to membership and guest fees. So, I am going to try to make it easier to understand if anyone has questions be feel free to call me.

This year all trail rides and playdays will have \$10.00 guest fees. The only trail ride that is different might be our Fall ride but we (as a Board) have not approached that subject yet.

A Family membership includes yourself, spouse (or live in companion) with dependents under 21 living with you. Any one other than what as stated above, is a guest and must pay all guest fees.

As a single membership you are allowed a companion or one guest for no charge, but a second companion will have to pay the guest fee.

If you have a family membership and no one in your family is joining with you to a trail ride but you can bring along a friend but you would be required to pay for the guest fee.

I hope this helps.  
Vickie Wancho

**Trail Rides** – Chairperson, Vickie Wancho Co-Chair Samantha Turskey. Check your calendar for dates there are too many dates to list! There are still rides to host.

**Parades** – Chairperson, Christine Kloss We have dates!

We will be having a parade clinic in May, date to be determined.

June 15<sup>th</sup> in Libertyville

July 4<sup>th</sup> in Antioch

July 7<sup>th</sup> in Mundelein

July 14<sup>th</sup> in Bristol

**Horse Show** – Chairperson, Ghislaine DeKoning It will be June 8<sup>th</sup> at Spring Grove

**Christmas Holiday Bazaar** - Chairperson, Kelly Dickson and Ghislaine DeKoning, November 9<sup>th</sup> at Millburn Church, Lake Villa, Illinois

**Holiday Party** – Chairperson – Betsy Faitz - December 14<sup>th</sup> at Bonnie Brook Golf Club

**Associate Liaison** – Vickie Wancho

**Communications Chairperson** – Kelly Dickson

Lynn Goodell has volunteered to be our club's representative to the Lake County Forest Preserve. She will go to meetings and present a report at our general meetings. Keep an eye on the Newsletter for items of interest from Lynn!!! Thank you, Lynn!! Meetings are generally the first Monday of the month starting at 9:00 at the Winchester Location.



We have a trail ride hosted by Val Weber on April 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Lakewood Forest Preserve. Coffee before the ride and then get our fingers ready to eat Fried Chicken after your ride. Come at 9:00 am

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**Trail Clinic at Hawkspur Farms** in Pleasant Prairie, WI on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>. It's at 5707 104<sup>th</sup> Street, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158.

Clinic will be held from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Lunch is included. Clinician will be Patty Banwart. All spots are full, but there is a waiting list. Fee is \$20 per horse/rider (non-refundable) and needs to be paid when registering to guarantee your spot. Auditors are most welcome to attend for no fee. Contact Kelly Dickson to register and if you're coming to audit. Bring a chair to sit on for lunch if it's a sunny warm day.

## **Cowboy Christmas Bazaar**

All Members,

We still have openings for exhibitors for our 2019 Cowboy Christmas Bazaar. In order for us to make this a successful event we need all members to participate.

Contact family and friends that fit the product criteria for this event. Hand out our flyer and registration form at local crafts sales and tack sales to vendors that also fit our product criteria.

I sent in an email the flyer and registrations forms. They are also available on the posse website and at all general meetings.

Thank you,  
Kelly Dickson, 2019 Cowboy Christmas Bazaar Chair



### Look What We've Been Up To!

Our General Meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup> gave us some really good information from John Hinkley from Master Truck and Trailer. John talked about when to buy tires, how to figure out how much tongue weight your hitch can carry and many other topics. He is a wealth of information and help. Thank you, John, for coming!!!

The bowling get together in March was a blast with a fun group. Pizza and drinks were enjoyed by all



We had 6 brave riders at our Chili Dump Ride at Chain-O-Lakes. We had a total of 11 people all together. Thank you Fuzz for organizing this.

### The Midwest Horse Fair

The Midwest Horse Fair is right around the corner, April 12, 13 & 14. If you are at the Fair on Saturday, come and meet your fellow Posse Members at the Globe at 12:00. Try and get a group picture for the newsletter!!



## 2019 Officers

### Officers

Debi Neuman – President  
Vickie Wancho – Vice President  
Mindy Sivright – Secretary  
Ghislaine DeKoning – Treasurer

## Posse Wear

The link for Besco can be found on our website is [www.lcmp.info](http://www.lcmp.info) and you can find a link here to easily make your purchases.

## Anies Jams and Jellies

Come early for the best selection of the best homemade jams and jellies! Also remember to bring back your clean empty jars so they can be refilled with delishisness! Ani donates \$1.00 to the posse for each jar sold.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Lake County Forest Preserve meeting @ 9:00 at the Winchester location  
Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Trail Ride at Lakewood Forest Preserve hosted by Val Weber 9:00  
Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Non Posse event of a Tack Sale at Sun Flower Farms 9-3  
Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – General Posse Meeting @ Tacos El Norte 7:30pm  
Fri,Sat,Sun- April 12<sup>th</sup>-14 – Non-Posse event of the Mid-West Horse Fair in Madison Wisconsin  
Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting at the Thirsty Horse 7:00  
Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Hawkspur Trail Clinic 10-3  
Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Mothers Day Trail Ride at Chain O Lakes hosted by Cindy Bradermann