



FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



**Please join us on February 8th, 2023
At 7:30pm**

For a General Meeting at Taco's El Norte in Gurnee. 401 N Riverside Dr. Meeting will start promptly at 7:30pm but come early and eat dinner. Room opens at 6:00pm
We will have a speaker, our own Jennifer Friel will be talking about Social Media. Learn how to use social media, like Facebook, to promote the club and generate interest.

Letter from The President

Happy new year! I hope everyone had enjoyable holidays spent with family and friends. We are busy locking in the 2023 schedule for events and trail rides. We have established our membership growth goals and are already planting the seeds to ensure a successful year.

A new year means new beginnings. Whether it's to get healthier, increasing riding time, improving horsemanship, or setting achievable goals, we all have a chance to hit the "reset" button. Good luck with your 2023 goals and **Thank You** for your hard work and dedication in making Lake County Mounted Posse the best riding club.

Jennifer Friel
President 2023

Please Renew Your Membership for 2023

Please get your membership forms and dues turned in!

The February General Meeting is the deadline to guarantee your name is printed in our Directory.

Send your Membership renewal and signed Waiver to:

Beth Santi
29103 112th Place
Trevor, WI 53179
Make checks to: LCMP



Parades

The Posse's parade season is upon us. Several Villages and Townships have already contacted our club about participating in their celebrations. The club receives sizable donations for each parade which defrays the cost of insurance, food, and other items.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the next general meeting. We need riders with well behaved horses, ground crew members, help in getting our parade gear to each parade, and help with food set up/clean up.

Please sign up for one or all.

Get Involved

The horse trail going around the southeast side of Bong is in jeopardy. For those that love riding that loop, please consider donating to the Bong Naturalist Association (BNA). The trail closing date has been extended to February. Here is your chance to help keep 132 acres a part of the wonderful Bong trail experience. Visit the site for more information: <https://bongnaturalistassociation.org/>

Speak Up

We took a survey at the January 2023 General Meeting. We wanted to make sure everyone has a chance to respond so the survey has been sent to you, along with this newsletter. Please take the time to complete it. You can bring it to the February General Meeting or email it to Jennifer Friel (friel.horses1996@gmail.com). Survey responses are due by February 8th, 2023.

We Need Horse Show Sponsors

Our Horse show 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 number 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.

Committee Chairs & Teams

The membership cannot thrive without the help from our members on various committee jobs. This year, we would like to put together teams to assist with each Committee Chair. **We need volunteers** - please contact Jennifer Friel or Vickie Wancyo if you are interested in helping out. The Board will help you all the way. Thank you so much!!

Committee	Chair	Team
Associate Liaison/Resources	Lynn Goodell	Beth Santi
Bazaar/Tack Sale	Ghislaine deKoning	
Communications/Website	Jennifer Friel	Matt Friel (website facilitator)
Fall Ride	The Board	
Holiday Party	Betsy Faitz	
Horse Show	Ghislaine deKoning	
Legislative Committee	Lynn Goodell	
Non-Riding Events	The Board	
Parades	Betsy Faitz	
Play Days	Vickie Wancho	
Possee Apparel	Sandy Monk	
Trail Rides	Vickie Wancho	Sandy Monk, Robin Walker

How to Host a Trail Ride

1. Decide Who will be Hosting the Event
2. Decide on Date you would like to Host
3. Decide on Location you would like to Host
4. Verify with Location that site is available, if there are any necessary permits, fees, trail passes needed.
5. Decide what you would like to have for food, i.e., breakfast, or coffee and donuts prior to ride, lunch after, a dinner ride, a dessert only ride, etc.
6. Guest fee will be \$10.00 depending on the event.
7. Suggested budget for trail ride is \$250.00.
8. Contact current Posse President who will direct you to contact Trail Ride Chair and request your date. You may be invited to a board meeting to present your idea, (most times this is not required unless is something out of the ordinary).
9. Once event and date is approved by board, send details of your event to Trail Ride Chair. Details will be published in the Posse Newsletter and on Website.
10. LCMP Provides:
 - a. all paper goods and condiments
 - b. coolers and beverages, have coffee servers
 - c. sign in sheets and release forms for guests
11. Save and submit receipts to treasurer within 30 days (preferably sooner) for reimbursement. IF you need financing prior to the event contact treasurer for arrangements.

Happy Trails

Website and FB Information

www.lcmp.info

friel.horses1996@gmail.com

For our Facebook page and our website, please send to us pictures from your rides or other activities. We want all members and potential members to see what we are up to and that the club is still riding and active. If you are planning spur of the moment trail rides, send us a message and we will post it on Facebook. The board voted that it doesn't have to be a LCMP sponsored event to post this on our Facebook page. Some members may not be able to join a club ride but may be available at other times. This is also a way to stay connected with our members and to not have to ride alone.

Officers for 2023

Jennifer Friel - President
Vickie Wancho – Vice President
Beth Santi - Secretary
Ghislaine deKoning - Treasurer

If you have any membership questions or concerns, please feel comfortable to contact any officer and we will help however we can.

Posse Wear

The link for Besco can be found at www.bescoawards.com
The website will be linked to our Web Page when the page is finished

Anies Jams and Jellies

Message from Anie Weiler:

"If anyone needs some jam, they can contact Ghislaine deKoning. The jam(s) will be outside on her table with a separate 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 Weiler"

HB Laser Art

Bill and Heide Milke have all your signage needs, awards, stall plates and much more. Check out their web site at laserartusa.com





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2/8 **General Meeting** - Taco's El Norte in Gurnee. Meeting will start promptly at 7:30 but come early and eat dinner. Room opens at 6:00

2/15 – **Board Meeting** – 7:00 pm Thirsty Horse. If you would like to attend a Board Meeting, please contact Vickie Wancho and she will add you to the agenda. Be sure to let her know what you would like to discuss with the board

2/19 - **Bowling Party** – Bowling at the Antioch Bowl; 750 W. RT. 173, Antioch IL

Sign in: 12:30PM

Bowling begins: 1:00PM

Cost: \$10 for members/\$20 for guests/\$10for children under 10

Cost includes shoe rental and 2 games of bowling. Club covers Pizza and Soda.

Sign-up at the General Meeting, Wednesday, February 8th. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to bowl, please notify Vickie Wancho to sign-up.

The start of the new Calendar will be posted on our Website in February