



Down On The Farm

3rd Annual Trail Challenge is Almost Upon Us

By: Peggy Hart

The prizes are here, the ribbons are laid out and the new obstacles are ready to go for the third annual Equestrian Alliance Trail Challenge at Shelby Farms Park Nov. 26, gate 11 off Raleigh-LaGrange Road on the north side of the Park.

Once again, Tadpoles (11 and under), juniors (12-18), tweeners (18 to 49), and seniors (50 and older), will have a chance to challenge themselves and their horses on obstacles they may run across as they trail ride. The Open Class will be open to any competitor any age brave enough to attempt it and the Extreme Class will run against the clock. However, all obstacles in the Extreme class must be completed correctly or seconds are added to your time.

New Judges this year and new obstacles are going to make this an exciting event so be sure and put it on your calendar. Now do not stop reading... We also need volunteers to help put this event on and you may just be what we need. Some volunteer jobs will allow you to ride in the event as well as help.

Announcer

Registration Chairman (with two helpers)

Volunteer Food Chairman (Don't worry we buy the food)

First Aide

Runners (2)

Set Up and Break Down

Clean Up

The cost is \$35 for Shelby Farms Equestrian Alliance members; \$45 for non-members. If you join the day of the event (\$15 for individuals or \$25 for families,) you can enter at the lower rate. Entries accepted until midnight, Thursday Nov.



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24; will notified competitors of their acceptance ASAP after receipt. You may download a copy of the entry from our web site www.sfeaonline.org. Your check must accompany your entry form. Entries are "first come-first served" and the postmark on your entry holds your spot. Because of the park closing hours, entries are limited.

For more information call Rick Richardson at 901-262-4202 evenings, or email rangerrick76@hotmail.com.

Welcome To Our New Members

Please Welcome Our **New Members** for 8/13/2011...10/15/2011

No New Members this time.

The following folks **renewed** their SFEA membership:

Family

Jeanne & Mark Arcelle
Barbara & Dana Henking
Peggy Jones
Tara Krisle Williams

Supporter

Glenda Yarbrough

Patron

Joe & Jan Krisle
Nathan Lubin
Marcie Smith

If you do not see your name on the list and paid between the dates shown, contact Jerry Rhodes at Membership@SFEAOnline.org

Memorials

Harold Walker - One of the original members of the Shelby Farms Equestrian Alliance, Harold was instrumental in getting the cross country course at Shelby Farms built. He was a member of Oak Grove Hunt and involved with the Germantown Charity Horse Show for many years.

Stephanie Waddlington - Oct. 2, 2011, Stephanie was participating in the Yellow Hammer Endurance Ride in the Taladega National Forest. She volunteered her expertise in putting on many of the City Slicker Endurance Rides at Shelby Farms.

Starry Nights Ride in the Park

Monday nights Dec. 5th and 12th will be the nights private horse owners can bring their horses and enjoy the lights of Starry Nights from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Enter at gate 10 off of Mullins Sta. Road and park at the stables. Last year's riders had a great time! Cost per horse is \$10.00, coggins required.

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Rick Richardson, President; Wesley Mueller, Treasurer; Peggy Hart, Secretary.

Additionally from Mon.- Thurs. There will be carriage rides, horse drawn trolleys, and hay rides. Entry for these rides is \$5.00 then \$15.00 for the carriage or trolley ride and \$10.00 for the hay rides or you can rent a whole carriage for \$60.00. The rides will begin after the private horses have gone through on the two Mondays private horses are allowed.

There will no longer be a gift shop at the end but Mistletoe Village will be set up at the playground within walking distance of your trailers. It will include live music and caroling, a Rudolph petting zoo, and a Holiday Cafe'.

Contact Rick Richardson at 901-262-4202 or rangerrick76@hotmail.com. This is not a led ride, you will ride on your own following the designated route.

Advanced Horsemanship Class

The hard-core horse people met in August for the Advanced Horsemanship Classes held by the Shelby County Extension Service. This course went beyond the courses held earlier in the summer and addressed some new issues for those who had been in the horse industry for more than just a few years.

New protocols regarding worming included fecal testing of each horse and tailoring their worming program accordingly before we find ourselves in the same situation as the goat raisers with worms resistant to all available wormers. Currently Quest is the wormer of last resort and if your horse does not respond to the other wormers and Quest does not knock the worms out the only recourse you have is to quarantine your horse. In the goat community, the animal is euthanized to prevent widespread resistance from becoming a factor in all goats. There is no new wormer in the research chain for horses. This is what we have, people.

Dr. Steven Galloway provided the equipment and participants brought their fecal samples and everyone had a grand time doing fecal counts the first night. Boy, were some people surprised to find that even with their horses on a worming program they had heavy shedders.

Dr. Bridgett McIntosh, spoke about nutrition and the need for horse owners to stop thinking hay is the least important part of the equation. Good, and the operative word here is "good" hay can provide all your horse needs unless it is on the show circuit or being heavily used. So get that hay tested and don't waste your money on poor quality hay unless you have a fat round pony that can live on air itself. If your hay is good but lacks some vitamin or mineral because of a deficiency of that vitamin or mineral in this area both Nutrena and Purina carry a mineral/vitamin product that may be all you need to add to your horse's diet. While these products are more expensive than feed per bag since you feed so little with good hay you actually save money. UT

will even take your forage test and your grain requirements and put together a feeding program for your horse for a nominal fee. Call Becky Muller at the Shelby County Extension Service for the forms and more information.

The second night Dr. Amy Plummer Weatherly talked about pre-purchase exams and demonstrated what you see when you get those ultrasound tests run and how the new digital x-rays are heads above the old style and right there for you to look at in minutes. Remember, she said, the pre-purchase exam is only good for that day. She also said to be honest about what you want to do with the horse because what would pass for a backyard trail horse will not pass for a horse headed for the Olympics.

Last but by far not least, Dr. Steven Galloway gave a demonstration of floating teeth. We are not sure Thistle, Becky Muller's mare, appreciated 20 or so people peering down her mouth but she put up with it good naturedly and we all got to see for once exactly what they are talking about when it comes to points, proper angles for the molars and how the front teeth should look. One very important point that Dr. Galloway stressed is that horses do not need to have teeth like a Hollywood starlet; they need teeth that function for many years with the job of eating grass. While horse's teeth grow all their lives and a two year old may have a tooth 3 inches long with most being beneath the gums, they eventually end; every time you take off enamel, you are shortening the life of that tooth. Once it is gone, it is gone. Overuse of mechanical grinders are shortening the tooth life of many horses and in untrained hands can actually cut away enough enamel to expose the nerve thus effectively killing that tooth.



Paso Fino Grand National Show & Expo Back in Memphis!

Let the excitement begin! After 14 years the 39th Annual Paso Fino Horse Association (PFHA) Grand National Championship Show & Expo returned to Memphis to showcase the breed's finest in show and competitive recreational horses. Nearly \$100,000 in prize money was awarded to exhibitors competing in over 130 classes. Since 1972, this event has attracted the best Paso Fino show horses from around the country. The show took place at the Memphis Agricenter International and Show Place Arena from September 25th - October 1st.

New activities this year included cowboy mounted shooting competition and horse soccer. Shelby Farms Equestrian Alliance partnering with the PFHA as host to an obstacle trail challenge and organized trail rides in conjunction with the show. Half the proceeds from an auction for a trained 4 year old gelding will be donated to the Shelby Farms Park Conservancy. Five nights of live music, a silent auction, the largo horse race, free training clinics, and breed demonstrations were some of the many activities planned.

You've heard about this exceptional breed and you've probably even seen them in action, but have you *experienced* the smooth ride of the Paso Fino? Test rides were offered in the round pen located in the recreational area of the show grounds.

During the show, professionals and amateur owners vied for honors in major divisions, including bella forma (conformation), pleasure, performance, and classic fino. Specialty classes included costume, versatility, trail, driving, and western pleasure classes. As an added attraction, there are several classes for horses registered in the American Trote & Trocha Association, a registry for diagonal gaited Paso horses.

The Paso Fino is proud of its Latin heritage. Bred for stamina, smooth gait, and beauty, "Los Caballos de Paso Fino," – the horses with the fine walk – originated in Latin America and have since become popular in the U.S. They are the oldest true native breed of horse in the western

hemisphere. For nearly five hundred years, Paso Fino horses were selectively bred in Puerto Rico and Colombia; it wasn't until the 1940s when U.S. servicemen stationed in Puerto Rico discovered this stunning breed and imported them to the U.S. As the Paso Fino horse rocketed to popularity during the '50s and '60s, the need for an association to manage the breed became prevalent. The Paso Fino Horse Association has grown to encompass 24 regions with over 5,000 members and has registered over 55,000 horses. The Paso Fino is referred to as the smoothest-riding horse in the world, due to the even footfall of its natural four-beat gait, which is unique to the breed. The gait can be performed at three forward speeds: the classic fino, paso corto, and paso largo. Paso Fino horses can also execute the flat walk and canter.

The PFHA and Recreational Rider Committee would like to thank members of the Shelby Farms Equestrian Alliance for their support and personal time in assisting the Recreational Rider Committee in coordinating their activities with the Shelby Farms Park Conservancy.



Wednesday morning set up for the trail class (L to R) Alma Hughes, Fred Moretti and helper, Rick Richardson, Peggy Hart.

More pictures next page.



Wednesday's Trail Class, Special Delivery, half pass from mailbox to mailbox.



Bridge to water obstacle.



Saturday's Trail Challenge in the Park.

Look for some of these challenges at the 3rd Annual SFEA Trail Challenge at Shelby Farms, November 26th.



Dragging a bag full of cans.



After the Trail Challenge Saturday, There was a trail ride through the Park led by Wes Mueller.

TDA "Heads-Up" Notice for horse owners about coggins papers

We are really having a problem with folks photo copying their coggins and changing dates, so we are no longer going to accept photo copies unless they are signed by vet in different color ink indicating they are actually a legal photo copy. Otherwise, they must have their original yellow copy of coggins, electronic coggins with picture ID, or equine passport. All horses coming in from "out-of-state" will also need a health certificate along with coggins.

When we check papers, we must compare papers to each horse for ID, so double check to make sure your coggins information and/or drawings match the horse you are presenting.

We are instructed to take all photo copies and altered coggins papers, turn these horses away at shows, events, rodeos, etc. unless they are as above, and turn these papers into TDA Ag Crime Unit for processing as to what charges TDA deem. Any alteration of a legal document is considered to be in violation of state law.

Section 1, number (2) from TDA Regulations: (2) Persons presenting falsified official EIA test documents are subject to a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation. Each falsified document presented constitutes a separate violation

I have attached the TN Regulations of in this email. Below is section 3 of this regulation (Testing of other assembled horses). This is to clarify who is responsible for checking coggins at shows, events, and any other comingling of equine.

0080-02-10-.03 TESTING OF OTHER ASSEMBLED HORSES.

(1) All horses or other Equidae, except foals less than six (6) months of age in the company of their EIA-negative dam, which participate in any horse show, competition or other assembly, except approved livestock market sales where such Equidae are offered for sale, shall be accompanied by evidence that each individual animal has tested negative on an official test for Equine Infectious Anemia that was conducted within the preceding twelve (12) months.

(2) The manager of each assembly or event or his agent shall be responsible for ensuring that each animal he enters, issues a permit for, or has control of, is accompanied by proof that each individual animal has tested negative on an official test for Equine Infectious Anemia that was conducted within the preceding twelve (12) months, and shall not allow animals without such proof to participate in the event, or to congregate with other Equidae. The owner of each animal or his agent shall also responsible for meeting these requirements



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Oak Grove Hunt Club
Gourmet Wine Buffet and Silent Auction
Friday, November 4, 2011
7:00pm – 9:30pm
The Pickering Center
7771 Poplar Pike ~ Germantown
at the Germantown Charity Horse Show Grounds
\$25 per person



For more information or to
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thinking of trying something new? Want to meet other people who enjoy horses? Here is your opportunity to meet and try something new with your horse while meeting people that like to talk horses as much as you do. Take time this year to visit some of the activities of our member organizations. We encourage groups to send us their calendar of events for inclusion in our newsletter and website.

October

- 18 SFEA monthly meeting. Rick Richardson, 901.262.4202
- 20 Emergency Preparedness Seminar hosted by Holden Farms, Benn & Caryn Holden. RSVP to 901.463.0937
- 28-30 Nashoba Carriage Classic and Arena Driving Trial. Germantown Charity Horse Show Grounds, 7745 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN 38138

November

- 5-6 Arkansas Reining Horse Show. Paul Battles Arena Tunica. Adam Partee, 870.613.7889 or www.arkansasreiner.com
- 10-11 Delta Fall Classic TN Walking Horse Show, Paul Battles Arena Tunica. Janet Howell, 931.703.0150 or www.deltafallclasic.com
- 11-13 NTRL Regionals. Show Place Arena 423.340.0640 or www.jx2events.com
- 15 SFEA monthly meeting. Rick Richardson, 901.262.4202

- 18-20 Fortune 5 Barrel Race, Paul Battles Arena Tunica. Brenda Chilton 573.734.2766

- 25-27 Midsouth Quarter Horse Show, Paul Battles Arena Tunica. Christie Free, 901.626.6863 or www.midsouthqha.net

December

- 2-4 Lucky Dog Barrel Race. Show Place Arena. 870.930.7717 or www.luckydograces.com

- 10-11 Rope the Ozarks Paul Battles Arena Tunica. Kevin Hall 417.547.3406.

- 28-30 Sam's Town Winter Circuit Cutting Horse Show, Paul Battles Arena Tunica. Gwen Coie 318.644.5788.