

March Hoofprints

ECEA Hoofprints

March 2023

Upcoming Events

SHOW SEASON BEGINS April 1, 2023

2023 Show Dates

April 1
May 6



Ellis County Equine

September 30
October 7

Association is one of the oldest non-profit equestrian organizations serving the Ellis County Texas region.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Happy Spring Everyone!

It's not the official beginning of Spring yet, that would be March 20. But my college kid has been home this week for Spring Break, the grass in the pastures is growing, trees are starting to bud, and coats are shedding. That's Spring for me!

Our first horse show of the year is coming up fast on April 1! We are very happy to be back at the Lone Star Cowboy Church in Red Oak. Gates open at 7:30 am, books open at 8am and the show starts promptly at 9 am. Please be on time and ready! We have a feeling from t-shirt orders and memberships that this will be one of the biggest show seasons that we have had in a long time. With big numbers come long days if we don't keep things moving. Knowing the class schedule and being responsible and ready at the gate for your turn is a big part of keeping the show running smoothly and timely.

As we are strictly a non-profit, volunteer organization, it is important that everybody chips in! Each member should work 6 hours of volunteer time to help the club. Look for a sign-up genius email before each of our shows or events to see what help is needed and sign up. Also, you must be a member of the club before you show, for your points to count toward daily high point and year-end awards.

I want to take a moment to say THANK YOU to our sponsors. It is with the support of these sponsors that ECEA can award awesome prizes to all of our exhibitors at the end of the year. Take a moment to read the newsletter and see who they are and support their business if you can. All buckle sponsors include a family membership, so it is a great way to contribute to the club while getting your membership included! Forms can be found on our club's

website www.elliscountyequine.org.

Speaking of our website, that is a great place to find out a ton of information and resources. Club rules, horse show rules, showbills, show entries, scholarship application, and other information is all listed on that site. Anytime you show anywhere, I highly recommend taking a quick read through that association's rules so you are not caught by surprise by a rule or formality that you are unaware of. Finally, if you are a Facebooker, and haven't joined the club Facebook page, you may want to do that. It's a great way to stay informed about announcements and events throughout the year.

I can't wait to see everyone on April Fools' Day!
Until then....
Keep your heels down,

Julie Hinz, 2023 ECEA President



NEW FOR 2023

- **NO DOGS ALLOWED AT ALL ON SHOW GROUNDS** per the arena's insurance company.
- We have expanded the ranch division by adding a ranch rail pleasure class. This class will be one open age group and count toward the year end ranch high point buckle along with ranch trail, reining, and ranch riding.
- We are clarifying that if you choose to show in Green Novice, which is for riders who are 11 years old and up who only want to walk trot in competition, that you are not allowed to also cross over into hunter hack or ranch classes, unless you are on a different horse. For instance, you may ride a green broke 3-year-old in Green Novice, and then ride a finished horse in ranch. But you can't show the same horse in walk trot classes and then go canter over fences. Ten and under division has no option other than to walk trot, so they are

allowed to cross over if they are capable.

Membership/Sponsorship Form Renewal

It is time to renew your membership! Forms can be found on the website here: **Membership/Sponsorship Form**

Riders that are competing for Daily High Points and Year End High Points must be Members

\$150.00 Buckle sponsor will get you a family membership as well as pay for a year end buckle for the club.

We appreciate your support!!



Important Dates

2023 Show Dates

April 1 - Judge Karen Doby

May 6 - Judge Deb Jarvis

September 30 - Judge Scot Jackson

October 7(Double Judged) - Judges Reggie Barnett & Heather Young

All shows are held at the Lone Star Cowboy Church, 1011 E. Ovilla Rd., Red Oak, TX



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