February Hoofprints

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Message from the President

After getting married and moving to Ellis County in 1999, I eagerly looked for a place to show my Thoroughbred, Topper, along with a Paint filly that I was training for a sale project. I was happy to find out from reading the now defunct *Lone Star Horse Report*, that there was a horse club named Ellis County Equine Association and that they had monthly horse shows and a youth club. Luckily before washing and clipping the horses for a show, I called ahead for directions to the old arena out by the lake and was told they had

canceled the shows for that season due to lack of participation.

In 2000, I went to my first club meeting to sit in a room of leery-eyed “old timers” who were speechless when I asked if we could add a jumping class. I assured them I would help with the show and the new president made a set of homemade jumps and promised the new season would be better. My new friend Cindy and I showed the whole next season and while the halter classes were okay, we were the only two showing in adult with probably only four other riders spread through the age groups. I think the next year Derrick Glover showed up, so we had three riders.

My has the time flown by! Now looking back over the last twenty plus years I can see how much the club has grown! While we have had our up and down years in participation, we have always had the money for some of the best year-end prizes of any open shows that I have ever been to. We’ve gained members that have stayed for years. We’ve watched youth grow up in our club and have been able to contribute to their future through the Nancy Jessup Scholarship Fund. And we’ve gained friends and contacts that have lasted a lifetime.

One thing I can tell you is that during my time in the club, what makes the club successful is if members will personally invite somebody. Tell your horse friends about our club. Let them know it’s a great place for beginners! It’s a great place for a trainer to get some show rides on their young horses! It’s a great place for lesson barns to bring their students! And it’s a great place for teenagers to show and get qualified to apply for a scholarship! Personal invitations to come join us in ECEA

mean way more to someone than an ad in a newspaper or on Facebook.

While I looked through our updated website, I realized that I'm going into my fifth presidency of ECEA – more than any other ECEA president. I am now officially the old-timer. I hope my eyes aren't leery, however! I want to be welcoming! Invite somebody to join our club!

Keep Your Heels Down,
Julie Hinz, 2021 ECEA President

2021 Officers

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Treasurer Sandy Neal
Outgoing President Stacie Sipes
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2021 Youth Officers

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Vice President Sadie Hinz
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2021 Show Series

SAI RANCH

Sai Ranch, 5326 Old Buena Vista, Waxahachie, TX 75167

Books open at 8 a.m., show starts at 9 a.m.

Daily High Point Awards in four age divisions, and Green Novice.

PAC approved

Dates & Judges:
April 17 – Cat Parks
May 15 – Scot Jackson
September 18 – Carla McCullen
October 9 – Reggie Barnett and Heather Young

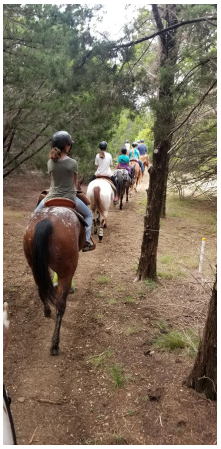
2020 Awards

2020 Open Show Series Awards will be presented during an extended lunch break of the April 24 show.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we accommodate to covid restrictions and slow production times of our suppliers (probably covid related as well).

Trail Rides & Clinics

Be on the lookout for trail riding dates and a clinic!



Sponsors

Ellis County Equine Association is beginning it's 38th year of promoting horse shows and equine knowledge in Ellis County! We couldn't do this without our volunteers, officers, and sponsors. Please take note of our 2020/2021 trailer sponsors below! We are currently accepting sponsorships of all levels (a buckle sponsorship is $150 and includes a family membership). Sponsorship forms are attached.

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