

Shiloh Saddle Club

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Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your Shiloh Saddle Club membership. Membership forms are available on the website if you've misplaced the one that was mailed. Please complete the form, enclose your check for \$15, and return it to:

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Dues must be paid by April 1, 2010 to continue receiving your monthly newsletter.

Where else can you have so much fun with your family, friends and horses for only \$15 a year?

Please send in that membership form!

Notes from Amanda

SNOW! SNOW! SNOW! If you're like me you are pretty sick of snow and cold weather. I so much want to get out and ride or just play with the horses. Spring is just around the corner, right? I can't wait.

We're getting ready for the 2010 show and trail ride

Persimmons: A Real Threat With a Sweet Solution

by Dr. Alison LaCarrubba, DVM, ABVP
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The persimmon tree is commonly found throughout the eastern, southern and mid-western United States. During the summer the tree produces a small, round fruit (3 – 5 cm), which turns orange when it ripens in the fall. As the fruit ripens the flavor changes from bitter to sweet and falls from the tree. This is when the horses consume the tasty fruit from the ground.

Unfortunately, persimmon fruit contains a water-soluble tannin that polymerizes to form an adhesive coagulum when exposed to gastric acid. This coagulum reacts with different parts of plant material also ingested by horses and forms a concretion in the stomach, which becomes a solid mass of grass, hay and the persimmon seeds themselves. This concretion in the stomach can irritate and damage the stomach lining, leading to colic and gastric ulcerations. Specifically, this concretion of plant material and persimmon seeds can block the stomach outflow resulting in a gastric impaction, or it can break into fragments and cause a blockage of the small intestine.

Clinical signs in a horse with an obstruction associated with persimmon seed concretion can vary. Some horses may show intermittent mild to moderate colic signs that continue despite treatment with anti-inflammatory medications and laxatives. Other horses may present with acute, severe colic. Diagnosing an obstruction caused by the ingestion of the persimmon fruit can be challenging.

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2010 Officers

Amanda Wooden, President
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season. See page 2 for details and information about what your club is planning. Mark your calendar and plan to participate in as many events as you can. We'll have so much fun!!

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 4.

We will be meeting at the Crossroads Restaurant. Hope you can make it.

Please help us recruit sponsors. The form is available on the website or call our secretary and she'll mail you a copy.

See you on March 4.

Meeting Dates

Club meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month until shows begin:

March 4, 6:30 pm — Crossroad Restaurant, Hwys 63 and 22, Sturgeon

April 1, 6:30 pm — TBA

Once shows begin (May), meetings will be held in conjunction with the trail rides on rain dates. Meetings will return to the 1st Thursday of each month in October.

New Class for 2010

The membership voted to replace Open Reining class with Open Freestyle Reining for our 2010 season. This class provides an opportunity for you to display your artistic abilities as well as your horsemanship. For a complete list of rules, see the rule book available at each show and on the website very soon. The time limit is 4 minutes. Here are the required maneuvers:

- Minimum of 4 consecutive spins to the right
- Minimum of 4 consecutive spins to the left
- Minimum of 3 stops
- Minimum of 1 lead change at the canter from right to left
- Minimum of 1 lead change at the canter from left to right

Budget Report

Bank Balance on December 31, 2009	3,228.58
Disbursements	18.00
Show Refund	18.00
Ending Bank Balance on January 30, 2010	3210.58
Outstanding Disbursements	606.04
HCDA	50.00
Awards Checks	200.00
Awards Dinner	21.04
PO Box Annual Fee	30.00
Mo Equine Council Membership	25.00
Show-Me Mo Back Ctry Hrsmn	55.00
Non-Profit Reinstatement	45.00
Triple L Storage (6 mos rental)	180.00
Outstanding Deposits	870.00
Memberships	405.00
Sponsorships	465.00
Balance on Hand	3,474.54

Show Dates

Time: 11 am

Place: Hallsville Arena

Show Date	Rain Date
May 1	May 22
June 5	June 26
July 10	July 17
Aug 14	Aug 28
Sept 4	Sept 25

Trail Ride Dates

April 24

July 17

May 22

August 28

June 26

September 25

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW:

September 18-19, 2010 St. Jude Trail Ride/Benefit, Reed's Farm near Rudolf Bennitt Conservation Area (Higbee)

New Show Registration Procedures

To help alleviate congestion at the gate and below the announcer's stand, registration for shows will take place at the concessions stand patio area.

Shiloh Saddle Club Will Participate in Hallsville Heritage Days Parade

At the February meeting, the membership decided to participate in the Hallsville Heritage Days Parade. **Mark your calendar now—June 19.** We are looking into getting a wagon team so that those without horses or those that would prefer not to ride will have a way to participate. Look for more details in a future newsletter.

Announcements

March 12-14 Horsefest, Springfield

March 26-28 Barrel Bash, Boone County Fairgrounds

Boone County 4-H Fun Horse Shows:

May 15, 10 am, Cedar Valley Riders Arena, Ashland

June 19, 11 am, Hallsville Arena

September 10, 6:30 pm, Games Only, Sturgeon Arena

Submit news items or announcements to wehmeyerp@aol.com or

call 573-445-2649

Welcome and Thank You to our 2010 Sponsors

Sponsors make it possible to offer many of our club activities. Please say thank you to our wonderful sponsors and be sure to patronize their businesses:

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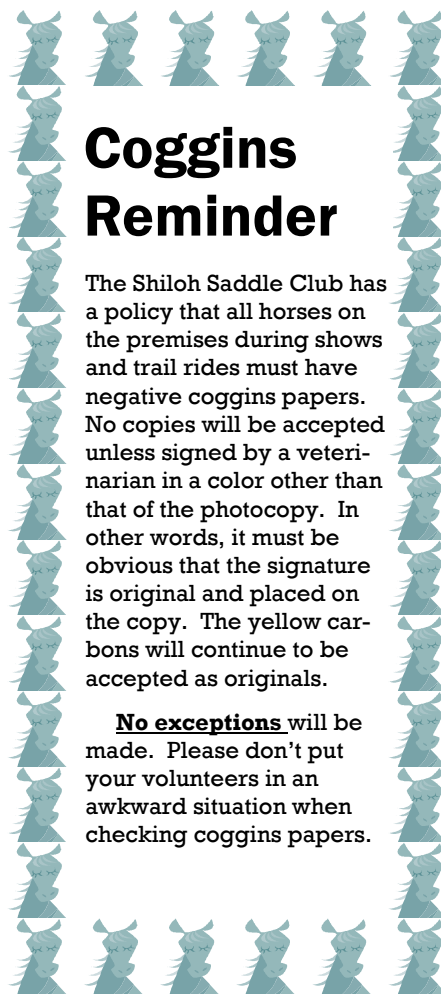
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If you know of someone who would like to sponsor our club, let us know.



Coggins Reminder

The Shiloh Saddle Club has a policy that all horses on the premises during shows and trail rides must have negative coggins papers. No copies will be accepted unless signed by a veterinarian in a color other than that of the photocopy. In other words, it must be obvious that the signature is original and placed on the copy. The yellow carbons will continue to be accepted as originals.

No exceptions will be made. Please don't put your volunteers in an awkward situation when checking coggins papers.

Persimmons: A Real Threat With a Sweet Solution (continued from page 1)

It is important to examine the stomach using an endoscope to look for the concretion itself. If the concretion has fragmented it may no longer be present in the stomach, but may have lodged farther down the gastrointestinal tract, in the small intestine and no longer be visible with the endoscope. Horses with persimmon impactions affecting the small intestine may respond to medical treatment or may have to go to surgery to have the obstruction relieved.

Treatment of persimmon impactions involves pain management, laxative administration, such as mineral oil, and general supportive care (fluid therapy). In 2002, oral administration of a carbonated cola soft drink resulted in resolution of persimmon impactions in human patients. Since that time, treatment of horses with persimmon impaction utilizing a carbonated cola has been successful. In the future if a persimmon impaction is confirmed, our medical treatment will likely include administration of a carbonated cola soft drink in order to break down the concretion before a surgical intervention is attempted.

Although persimmon seed impactions are considered rare, it is an important differential for a horse with colic in the fall in Missouri.