



Dear TR&HC Members:

As a longtime / Heritage member of the TR&HC, I always envisioned that a monthly newsletter would be sent out to all of our members to keep them informed on various activities taking place throughout the year. Now I have joined the TR&HC board as membership chairman I am making the newsletter a reality with the writing of this first newsletter. This monthly newsletter will be covering things that the TR&HC is doing for the community and the Tryon Horse Heritage Week which includes: Tryon Block House Steeplechase followed by a collection of new events taking place the following week at both downtown Tryon and Harmon Field.

2018 Philanthropy Review

2018 was a great year for the TR&HC as it donated over \$46,000 to various groups and individuals in the community. Compared to just four years ago the donation level from the club was just over \$15,000. Those groups included:

- FENCE, Inc
- College Scholarships
- Foothills Equine Rescue – FERA
- River Valley Pony Club
- Harmon Field Stable Renovation
- Blue Ridge Hunter Jumper Association
- Equestrian Grant Program
- Foothills Human Society
- Polk County Sheriff's K-9 Unit
- Therapeutic Riders of Tryon
- Harmon Field Gym Renovation

As you can see TR&HC is involved with many organizations throughout the community and we would like the member's input on other groups / organizations we should look at supporting in the future.

We also can always use your help as a volunteer with all the upcoming events that TR&HC sponsors throughout the year. Volunteering is a great way to help make the events more successful and meeting lots of wonderful people.



To provide optimum course conditions for horses and jockeys, the National Steeplechase Association (NSA) and Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC) have decided to reschedule the 73rd Tryon Block House Races from Saturday, April 13, to Saturday, October 5, 2019. Next year's spring race will take place in its normal NSA's schedule of April 11th, 2020.

You should have received an email this week from our President Terry Lynch outlining the details of the rescheduling of the race and a Q&A sheet. If you still have any questions or concerns, please contact the TR&HC Office at 828-863-0480 or email office@trhc1925.org

Even with the Steeplechase being rescheduled until the fall there is a full line of activities taking place in the community. The Tryon Riding & Hunt Club is excited to announce "Tryon Horse Heritage Week" which is co-sponsored with The Tryon Downtown Development Association.



Tryon Horse Heritage Week



Celebrate the newest event: The Tryon Riding and Hunt Club's return to Harmon Field during Tryon Horse Heritage Week April 13-21.

The Tryon Downtown Development Association and Tryon Riding & Hunt Club are partnering to emphasize the importance and bring back some of the fun of Tryon's storied equestrian history.

In their heyday, Tryon Horse Shows were a huge event town wide. Businesses and school shut down so the entire community could come out and participate. Morris the horse was always proudly paraded through the streets. In our efforts to bring this tradition back, we are building a "parade size" Morris the Horse that will stand at approximately 18 hands high (6-7 ft).

Local artisans Barney Eiserloh and Fred Herres are building a portable Morris that will parade through downtown on April 18, 2019 and end at Harmon Field for the Carter Brown BBQ sponsored by Tryon Riding & Hunt Club. This will be a FREE event for the community, everyone is welcome to attend as it will kick off TR&HC's 3 day:

"Traditionally Tryon Horse Show" at Harmon Field. Creating a new beginning for an old tradition for the horse community.



Week's Activities

Saturday April 13th

FENCE Horse Trials

Block Party Downtown (lots of events / fun for everyone): 11AM – 4PM

Sunday April 14th

FENCE Horse Trials

Art of the Horse Auction, Caitlyn Farms: 5PM

Monday April 15th

Groundwork sessions of Melanie Smith Taylor Clinic at the FENCE

TR&HC presents Horse in the Gray Flannel Suit at Tryon Theatre: 7PM

Tuesday April 16th

Riding Sessions of Melanie Smith Taylor Clinic at the FENCE

Wednesday April 17th

Riding Sessions of Melanie Smith Taylor Clinic at the FENCE

Thursday April 18th

Tryon Horse Heritage Parade, Downtown Tryon: 5PM

Carter Brown BBQ at Harmon Field (Free Event / Donations Welcomed which goes direct to Equestrian Side of Harmon Field): 6PM

Friday April 19th

Traditionally Tryon Horse Show at Harmon Field

Saturday April 20th

Traditionally Tryon Horse Show at Harmon Field

Sunday April 21st

Easter Sunrise Service

Traditionally Tryon Horse Show at Harmon Field

The TR&HC Membership Committee has been working on something special for its members. A "Membership Gift Box" will be sent to each of its members thanking them for their continued support of the TR&HC organization. Your donations help our organization to achieve its goals in providing assistance to various organizations throughout the equestrian community.

I know that was a lot of information to cover, but with all the great things TR&HC has on tap for April, I wanted to be sure to provide as much information as possible. For future letters, I will try to condense the information as much as possible covering various topics that are meaningful to the members. My plans are to send out a newsletter the first week of each month following our Board of Directors Meetings which are held the first Monday of each month.

Again, thank you for your continued support of the TR&HC and appreciate any feedback you may have concerning the newsletter.

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