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Dear TR&HC Members:

As promised, this is the second issue of the monthly newsletter presented by the Tryon Riding & Hunt Club. Lot's of activities taking place in our community and hope that you will be able to attend some of them as there is something for everyone.

### **Historical Block House Steeplechase Posters on Display in Tryon**

If you find yourself wandering around downtown Tryon before May 18, stop in at Tryon Painters & Sculptors and view the 24 historical posters from the Block House Steeplechase hanging in the gallery. This a fascinating, never-seen-before display. Past President Drew Brannon collaborated with TPS to compose the display. The Club has multiples of each of the displayed items so a limited quantity are on sale at TPS.

### **TRHC Administrative Assistants**

The office is now open for phone calls Monday through Friday now from 9am to 4pm. Someone is physically in the office on Tuesday and Friday afternoons and occasionally other days. When you call, you will likely talk to either of our two admins, Kasey or Pam Minnick. Kasey, the daughter, has been our admin assistant for almost two years and is the proud owner of, who is almost becoming our Club mascot, Hermione, a cute little mini-horse. Hermione has been on Greenville TV for TRHC and at last year's Christmas Wreath Hanging on Morris in Tryon. In a couple weeks, she'll walk in the Tryon Parade. Pam, the Mom, has worked for the Club on and off as needed for the past two years as well. Pam has lived in the community for a long time and has been a former Board member. Kasey will be focusing on communications for the Club while Pam will be in charge of organizing our social events.

### **TRHC College Scholarships and Equestrian Grants**

TRHC will once again offer college scholarships and, in a new program, equestrian grants. We want to make sure our members are aware of these benefits. We will award a total of \$5,000 in college scholarship grants in 2019 to eligible high school seniors planning to attend college and current college attendees. Also

continuing this year, Roger and Jennifer Smith are awarding an additional \$2,000 scholarship through their International Equestrian Foundation (IEF). This will again be administered by TRHC and have the same criteria.

The application form is available on our website. Please complete fully and submit to the office. If an applicant is a relation or friend of a TRHC member, please be sure to indicate that on the application. Application deadline is May 1, but we will probably extend it until May 15. Don't delay though!

We will also award Equestrian Grants this year. This is a new program going into effect after a small pilot last year. We will award a total of \$3,000 to eligible candidates for spending during 2019. This program was established to align more closely with our Mission Statement to assist youth and young adults in the Tryon area in pursuing the highest levels of equestrian training, coaching, competition, business, and stable management skills. To be eligible for this grant program, applicants may be of any age but must live in the counties of Polk, Henderson, Rutherford, Greenville or Spartanburg. Applicants must be actively pursuing a specific high-level Equestrian Goal. In pursuit of this Goal, a grant must be used for specific educational programs that may include, but are not limited to, seminars, workshops, clinics, and certification courses. The application is available on our website as well. This is a year-round opportunity so there is no specific deadline for it.

### **We Need Brush for our June Charity Horse Show!!**

As part of the 91<sup>st</sup> year of the Club's Heritage Charity Horse Show at TIEC June 6-9, we are working with the course designer for the show hunter divisions to create a more natural look for the jumps. **So, we need brush! Lots and lots of brush!** We are looking for 3-4-foot-long branches of cedar, Leyland Cyprus or pine. We need approximately 3-4 pickup loads. If you have a stand of these type trees that need trimming and can wait until later this Spring, please let us know and we will be glad to come by and cut your brush on June 1 or 2 for use in the rings.

Please call the TRHC Office

### **President's Corner – Terry Lynch**

Most of you probably have not met me yet but this is my third year on the TRHC Board. Last year, I was Treasurer and the first year I just learned a lot, participating as a volunteer in many of our activities. My "specialty" while on the Board has been running our Horse Trials for the past two years. My wife Jane and I have lived in the community for almost five years and moved here primarily for the rural, equestrian lifestyle. We live right on the trails and ride both FETA and CETA trails frequently. We also spend 1-2 weeks per year in Montana on a working cattle ranch.

I was inspired to come onto the Board by Gerald Pack and Ann Troppmann. From that first Club meeting I attended and conversations with these folks, I thought the Club was

in great shape and had a great future. One of my focuses during my many years at Procter & Gamble was strategic thinking and I was inspired to help move the Club forward strategically during my years on the Board.

You will be hearing more from me in the future, but I want to tell you that, as I assumed the president's role, I was both excited and humbled. The history of this organization is amazing and it is humbling to prowl through the old files and records in the office. Consequently, I have developed three "pillars" that are guiding my thinking: Tradition, Philanthropy, and Fun. I think these make up the basis of this Club. First, I hope to protect, sustain, and enhance the strong Traditions of TRHC represented by the Block House Races, the Charity Horse Shows, the Dog Show, and the old, new again Carter Brown BBQ, among others. These make this Club unique. Second, the Club has a long history of giving back and I want to maintain and grow this. Last year, we designated \$46,000 to various equestrian and community organizations. Third, we need to have Fun. I am frequently reminded of the great social events during the horse shows at FENCE. We on the Board are going to strive for more 'fun' events. For instance, we just completed a discussion to align more closely with Lewis Pack's series of local Blue Ridge Hunter Jumper shows with a series of social activities. You'll hear more about this later.

I hope you will continue to join us for the "ride". Feel free to reach out to me with comments or ideas.

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### **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 13<sup>th</sup>**

FENCE Horse Trials

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

### **Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>**

FENCE Horse Trials

Art of the Horse Auction, Caitlyn Farms: 5PM

### **Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>**

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 16<sup>th</sup>**

Riding Sessions of Melanie Smith Taylor Clinic at the FENCE

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Riding Sessions of Melanie Smith Taylor Clinic at the FENCE

### **Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>**

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 19<sup>th</sup>**

Traditionally Tryon Horse Show at Harmon Field

### **Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Traditionally Tryon Horse Show at Harmon Field

### **Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Easter Sunrise Service

Traditionally Tryon Horse Show at Harmon Field

## **“Morris” Getting Ready to Parade through Tryon in April**

March 6, 2019 – Local artisans Fred Herres and Barney Eiserloh took on a big undertaking when TDDA executive director Jamie Carpenter approached them to build a Morris that can be used in a parade celebrating the Tryon Horse.

This committee had spent the past year working on projects to prepare downtown for the World Equestrian Games. The mission of 2018 for the committee was to instill community pride, and further prove why Tryon has been associated with equestrian life for over 100 years. The committee completed projects that benefitted downtown and local businesses for many years after the World Equestrian Games came and went. Projects like the downtown “OPEN” flags, updated brochures and walking tour, print materials, repainting the huntsmen fire hydrants, making local gift bags for local inns, and partnering with the Tryon Tourism Development Authority (TTDA) on advertising and promotion of downtown.

In late January, the TDDA Equestrian Heritage Committee met to determine what to do now that WEG ended. Representatives from the Tryon Riding and Hunt Club, Anne Moss, Jamie Corn and Drew Brannon, were present at the meeting to brainstorm, and at that time they announced that the Tryon Riding & Hunt Club would be “coming home” for the Traditionally Tryon Horse Show April 18-21, 2019.

For the Tryon Riding & Hunt Club’s Harmon Field homecoming, TDDA and the Tryon Riding and Hunt Club have partnered to promote our equestrian heritage and future with an annual “Tryon Horse Heritage Week” starting with the FENCE Horse Trials and Downtown Kickoff Celebration on April 13, and concluding with the Traditionally Tryon Horse Show April 18-21.

To harken back to the old days of horse shows at Harmon Field, both organizations knew a parade would be “Vintage Tryon” with Morris the Tryon Horse trotting through town and all.

“Morris the Tryon Horse” has proudly represented Tryon since 1928. He is both a symbol of the community’s love of horses and a replica of an era gone by when wooden toy horses just like him were made in Tryon and shipped all over the country.

The first Tryon Horse was built of wood by Meredith Lankford and Odell Peeler, two employees of Tryon Toy Makers, to advertise the first horse show held at Harmon Field in 1928 and sponsored by Tryon Riding and Hunt Club. Pulled by a car through town, the horse would lift its tail and head when the reins were pulled. The current Morris is the 4th generation of Tryon Horses and he does not travel around town as his ancestors did.

In order to continue the bygone tradition of Morris rolling through Trade Street, TDDA approached local artisans Fred Herres and Bernard Eiserloh to see if they would be up for the task of building a slightly scaled down version... and that it needed to be built in

less than 3 months. Fred the woodworker and Bernard the metal sculptor were excited about the project and loved the idea of building a town heirloom that they accepted the challenge and got to work. After several weeks and many long hours of labor by Fred in the woodshop, Morris Jr. was transported from Fred's house to Bernard's for the final phase of construction. The transport was a team effort from Town of Tryon Commissioner Bill Crowell, Town Manager Zach Ollis and Assistant Fire Chief Tank Waters. Now Morris Jr. awaits his metal exterior, a fresh coat of paint, and wheels so he can ride proudly in the Tryon Horse Heritage Parade!

The Tryon Riding & Hunt Club stepped in to cover all expenses, and Henson's Building Material donated many materials and provided the remainder at a discount to build a 7 ft tall version of the Tryon icon. Morris Jr. will be pulled by Traditionally Tryon Horse Show sponsor, Land Rover, in the Tryon Horse Heritage Parade on Thursday, April 18 at 5pm.

Information can be found at [www.downtowntryon.org/thhw](http://www.downtowntryon.org/thhw).





## 2019 Carolinas Show Hunter Hall of Fame Inductees

The TR&HC Carolinas Show Hunter Hall of Fame is proud to announce its 2019 inductees.

The following horses were chosen from among five nominees by receiving the most votes from 2019 Hall of Fame members: Dreamboat, High Hearts and Lestat. To be eligible for the Carolinas Show Hunter Hall of Fame, the horse must have been stabled in North or South Carolina for a minimum of six months, proven itself as an outstanding show hunter (i.e., champion or reserve champion at a major national competition), and have been permanently retired from competing.

The 2019 horseman/horsewoman inductees are Carol Kent and Jeanne Smith, who received the most votes from among four nominees. To be eligible for the Carolinas Show Hunter Hall of Fame, the person must have resided in North or South Carolina for a minimum of six months, have participated in the show hunter community for a minimum of fifteen years and have made a substantial positive impact on the upper levels of the sport of show hunters.

In addition to the above inductees, the following National Show Hunter Hall of Fame inductees have met Carolinas Show Hunter Hall of Fame criteria and will be inducted into the Carolinas Show Hunter Hall of Fame: Thomas Earl "Red" Frazier, J. Arthur "Bucky" Reynolds II and Don Stewart Jr.

The Janet Peterson Memorial Award, named for a longtime TR&HC board member and supporter of show hunters, will go to William "Billy" Haggard. Bling Bling will be given the Elma Garcia Award for horses that competed in the Adult Amateur Hunter and/or Children's Hunter divisions. This award was named in honor of Garcia by her husband, who was the highest bidder in an auction for the naming rights.

The purpose of the Carolinas Show Hunter Hall of Fame is to promote and celebrate exceptional show hunters and horsemen from North and South Carolina. Please be sure to check the website [carolinasshowhunterhalloffame.com](http://carolinasshowhunterhalloffame.com) for detailed biographies on this year's inductees. We hope you can attend the induction ceremony which will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> during the Aiken Charity I Horse show at Bruce's Field. Thank you for your support!

## **Tryon Riding & Hunt Club Upcoming Sponsored Events**

May 3, 2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> Carolina Show Hunter HOF Induction in Aiken, SC
June 4-9, 2019	91 <sup>st</sup> Charity I Horse Show at TIEC
June 7, 2019	Heritage Horse Show Day at the Charity I Horse Show at TIEC
July 10-13, 2019	Charity II Horse Show at TIEC
September 21-22, 2019	XC Schooling at FENCE
October 19-20, 2019	44 <sup>th</sup> Horse Trials at FENCE
November 10, 2019	86 <sup>th</sup> AAADS at Harmon Field
December 10, 2019	94 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting/Holiday Party at TBD
January 12, 2020	2019 Volunteer Appreciation Party at FENCE

Next month issue will include meeting the Board Members of TR&HC.

Thank you for your continued support of the TR&HC and appreciate any feedback you may have on what topics that covered in the monthly newsletter.

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