



NORTHERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION
OF WESTERN HORSE CLUBS

Contact: Shelly Murphy 231-275-4122

NMAWHC Club Briefs

It's That Time Again!

It is election time again! Please submit your nominations for Club President, Secretary and the three board seats. Do you have suggestions for Rules or Bylaw changes? Fill out and return the enclosed forms by August 25th to voice your ideas!

Don't Forget your raffle tickets!

Raffle tickets for the new scooter are available. Ticket price is \$5.00 per ticket, or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Proceeds from the ticket sales will be used for the NMAWHC general fund. The drawing will be held Saturday, September 2, 2006 during the lunch break at the Windsonnet Show.

Classified Ads

To place a classified in the newsletter or website email slmurphy@charter.net

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ABOVE: Sandy Whipp on Sienna's Star, Novice 19 & Over High Point Winner at the Anna Bays Show Series. Do you have photos you would like to share? Send them in to be used on the website, future newsletters, promotional materials or at the awards banquet. Contact Shelly Murphy for more information.

Dear Membership,

Well another show season has almost come to an end with only 2 more weekends left. We are starting to plan things for year end awards and the banquet.

I encourage you to get in your nominations and bylaw proposals, and as always we as a board encourage you to come to any meeting and voice your thoughts and opinions. They are held at the end of each month. Feel free to contact me for date, time and location.

Sincerely,
Jada Leek
NMAWHC President

More than just Floating

Proper Equine Dentistry improves performance and overall health

Most horse owners have watched a horse having its teeth "floated." For those who have not, floating is the procedure of rasping the sharp points of a horse's teeth. Many people think that this is all there is to equine dentistry, without realizing that effective dentistry is much more than just floating teeth. Although horses do not get cavities, as people do, regular dental exams and maintenance are essential for a happy, healthy horse.



Routinely examining a horse's mouth starting at two or even earlier, and continuing throughout his life, will affect a horse's life in a very positive manner. Their performance, their comfort, their health, and their longevity, are all directly affected by their dental care.

Advances have been made in recent years that are changing the way veterinarians approach the dentistry process. Manual rasps are giving way to power tools and speculums. The dentistry process uses sedation (standing) to keep the horse comfortable, unstressed and his jaw muscles and TMJ relaxed. It allows your veterinarian the time and the opportunity to do the total exam and treatment. Dentistry will last your horse for one to two years.

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When does your horse need dentistry?

Between the ages of two and five, horses will erupt 24 cheek teeth,

with as many as 16 teeth erupting at the same time! Most people only think that older horses need their teeth checked, but the teeth change more from one to five years of age. For this reason, horses in this age group need dental exams more often than older horses. Also, horses going into training should have in depth dental exams before training starts, so that a dental problem doesn't become a training one.

Many dental problems in older horses could have been alleviated by starting with those teeth early. It is very possible that early on, getting rid of hooks on the back of the old horse's molars, would have prevented deep transverse ridges, the TMJ discomfort he has had for years, the space between those two molars where feed is packing and he is getting periodontal disease and will soon lose the tooth, and so on.

What are the symptoms?

Your horse may be showing signs of burgeoning dental problems. Horses who become harder to keep for no apparent reason, who salivate excessively when eating, who eat slowly and with effort, who continuously drop bits of half chewed food and who show unusually coarse manure are prime candidates for a dental inspection. Other behavioral

characteristics suggesting tooth problems may include unusual fussing with the bit, avoidance of bit contact, irritation when put into a dropped noseband, head tucking or head tossing, poor self carriage and not wanting to have his face and muzzle handled.

Most equine dentistry involves prevention. If your horse's teeth are regularly cared for, the maintenance process will not be overwhelming and you should be able to avoid most dental or health complications. Depending on your horse's diet, hardness of teeth and jaw alignment, he may need floating on an annual basis or perhaps he could last years between floating. By keeping an eye on your horse's teeth, you can determine how quickly your horse's dental surfaces are changing and get them cared for before complications arise.

For more information on Equine Dentistry, do a search on Google. Resources include theHorse.com, EquineDentalVet.net and NMEW.net.

Traverse City Veterinarian Todd Rabb with Northern Michigan Equine Wellness contributed to this article. Dr. Rabb specializes in equine dentistry.



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N.M.A.W.H.C Sponsor Sheet

Sponsor Name: _____ Business: _____

Address: _____

City/ State _____ Phone: _____

Sportsmanship

_____ \$35 Age Group (1st choice) _____ (2nd Choice) _____

Buckle (year-end)

_____ \$110 Age Group (1st choice) _____ (2nd Choice) _____

Rookie of the Year

_____ \$50

Please keep the bottom for your records

You have donated \$_____ and will receive acknowledgement at the banquet as well as on the NMAWHC website. Thank you for supporting NMAWHC by being a sponsor. We sincerely appreciate your generous support!

Please Return to NMAWHC Treasurer: Sandy Whip
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Grawn, MI 49637

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Phone: 231-275-4122

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2006 Board Officers

Jada Leek	231-258-5424	President
Sarah Stoops	231-218-8362	Vice President
Shelly Murphy	231-275-4122	Secretary
Sandy Whipp	231-263-5208	Treasurer
Tallie Terlaan	surly42@hotmail.com	Point Secretary

2006 Board of Directors

Deb Cochran	231-620-2067
Pam Gilbert	231-275-3849
Goldie Krassow	
Danielle Ruiz	231-276-6056
Annelise Shoemaker	231-943-4717
Mike Zerbe	231-275-6481

Board Nominations Due August 25



NMAWHC

C/O Shelly Murphy, Secretary
11966 Fredmar Drive
Interlochen, MI 49643

2006 Schedule

AUGUST

August 25, Board nominations, Bylaw proposal deadline

August 26, NMOF Futurity, Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds, Grawn, MI

August 27, NMOF Open, Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds, Grawn, MI

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 2-3, Windsonnet Jackpot Series, Windsonnet Stables, Interlochen

NOVEMBER

Nov. 18, Awards Banquet, Boones Long Lake Inn

Showbills and additional information are available at www.NMAWHC.com.

A special thank you to Deb Cochran for the photo used on the front page of this newsletter!





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2006-Bylaws and Show Rules and Regulations
Add/Change Form

Please write-out your submission for new and/or changes to existing 2006-Amended Bylaws and Show Rules and Regulations. Feel free to make as many copies as you might need of this form so it may capture all of your ideas for changes that will benefit our club. Please be sure to include your name a number where you can be reached as you may be called for clarification. Adopted changes will be included in the 2007-Amended Bylaws.

All submissions should be postmarked on or before August 25, 2006.
Please mail to: Jada Leek, NMAWHC President, 1265 Mitchell Rd., Kalkaska, MI 49646

Your name: _____ Phone _____

Article/Rule name (new or existing): _____

Article/Rule number and page where found (if applicable): _____

Recommendation for Article/Rule add or change: _____

Rational for Article/Rule add or change: _____

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2006-Year End Awards/Nomination Form

Please write in your choice for the member best deserving of the Sportsmanship Award in each group:

Novice 18 and Under: _____

Novice 19 and Over: _____

13 and Under: _____

14 – 18: _____

19 - 24: _____

25 and Over: _____

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Please write in your choice for:

Most Improved Rider: _____

Member of the Year: _____

High Point Awards, please note:

From our NMAWHC, Inc. By-Laws, Page 8

Section 13) A person must show in a NMAWHC approved or optional class at five (5) of the NMAWHC approved shows to be eligible for a year-end award in that class.

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Write in your nominations for open Board positions:

President _____

Secretary _____

Board of Director

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

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Note: Board Members Sandy Whipp, Deb Cochran, Pam Gilbert, Goldie Krassow, Tallie Terlaan and Sarah Stoops will be serving the 2nd year of their 2-year terms in 2007.

Mail this form postmarked by August 25, 2006 to:

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1265 Mitchell Rd.
Kalkaska, MI 49646**