

It's Show time!

Newsletter from Riding Club of Crumley House

Hi everyone, yes it is that time of year again...show time! In the past I have communicated with you through Margaret. However, there are many things going on this year that effect all of us. I feel it is best if I tell you what is going on and how all these new changes should benefit all of us.

FIRST: Why did we change our name? Our club and our hard work to provide Crumley House with all proceeds from our endeavors has gained us a very positive and profitable reputation. We have, through our efforts introduced The Crumley House and their great work to many people who never heard of Crumley. We have been able to give Crumley thousands of dollars to help all the residents. When people heard The Crumley House Equestrian Club they knew this was an (not for profit) organization dedicated to a worthy cause. Horse people knew our shows were ALL BREED OPEN SHOWS. We had many classes for different riding styles and different breeds. When the "Crumley House Equestrian Center" owned and operated by the Knights opened, the general public thought they were a natural extension of our club. When they saw that The Equestrian CENTER was having Hunter Jumper Shows only, many of our exhibitors thought we had changed our venue. There was confusion and misunderstandings. I found myself as well as others constantly explaining that no they weren't us, we weren't them. In order to try to clear up the confusion we opted to change our name. The Knights did not intend to cause us problems; it was a logical choice for a name. However, The Equestrian Center is a privately owned business which leases some of the barn and fields at Crumley House. This is their livelihood. They have been helpful to us during our shows and some of their students have participated. They have also been responsible for Randy, Robert and Jerry in the therapeutic riding classes. After some deliberations the board decided to change our name to:

"THE RIDING CLUB OF CRUMLEY HOUSE". I honestly feel we can turn these lemons into lemonade. We will use this name change to generate more publicity for us.

PLEASE NOTE: The Johnson City Press is doing an article on Randy and our club. It will be out either tomorrow March 11th or this weekend. Rex Barber was the reporter and he assures me we will like his article.

Randy Morgan has a dream, he wants to be the first Professional Disabled Judge. We are lucky enough to help fulfill that dream. Randy will judge up to five Quarter Horses in a no fee halter class. Our show judges have agreed to help Randy do a good job. There is no class fee and no points for this class.

New Time: Ginger Bartlett is our High Point Registrar and board member. You all know Ginger; she comes to every one of our shows and she lives in Virginia. Ginger requested we up our start time to 12:00. This extra hour would make it easier for participants to feed and do barn work before coming to the show. The board agreed and we decided the shows will start at 12:00. So make note and sleep in an hour or don't rush so much doing chores. We want you at the shows so hopefully the time change will help.

RODEO: Have you been hearing about a Rodeo at Crumley House? Well, if you are one of many who have, let me tell you about the Rodeo! This is a private organization who is leasing the lower ring from Crumley House. They are not giving proceeds to Crumley. They are not a part of Crumley House. They will have a large Rodeo at the end of the season and have a raffle; the proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Crumley. This Rodeo has nothing to do with us or the Equestrian Center. They are independent and profits go to them. Johnson City Press will be doing an article on them. Just wanted you to know, they are not part of us.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: It was brought to my attention that some people want to know why they have to pay membership what is in it for them? I am aware that other organizations do not have such steep membership dues. These riding clubs keep their profits from their shows for their operating costs, etc. We use our membership dues and our high point sponsorships to pay the club's expenses. It takes about \$2000.00 to get us started every season. The cost of printing, ribbons, porta-potties, etc. must be paid before the first show. Your membership dues pay for this. For those of you who want to compete for highpoints know you must have your financial sponsors signed up and monies in by the end of March. We go to print the first week of April. PLEASE, PLEASE get your sponsors in now. Send the paper work, the card and the money to me right away. My address is: 501 Pumpkin Bloom Lane, Greeneville, TN 37743. Those dollars help to pay for the highpoint gifts and expenses for the banquet. How do you think we buy all those cute buckets for the center of the tables? We try very hard to put on good honest shows with a little bit for everyone. We want beginners and old pros to feel welcomed at our shows. We want people who have never shown but want to, to feel welcome, we want riders who are ready to show on the circuit to feel free to bring their horses to practice. Our Judges are all breed judges and they come from all over to judge our shows. Every one of them are honored to be a part of our organization and that means our members and that means you.

Now I am going to do a little preaching. By being a member of this riding club you are a very important part of making life a little bit easier for the residents of Crumley House. Your membership keeps the club going, in turn the club is able to offer something very special to the residents of Crumley. They have the opportunity to venture into a world we all take for granted. The world of horses and horse shows. Without us they have nowhere to compete, nowhere to intermingle on a monthly basis with horse people. Without us they cannot step away from their world for a few hours and participate in a sport they love. We are there for them... not for us. If you want to know what's in it for you? All I can say is "the heartfelt satisfaction of being a part of very good and loving organization who puts others first". You can't get much better than that! Our members are great and their hearts are in the right place. I think you all need to know how important you are to Crumley House and their residents. You are the means for them to escape their disabilities and to be a part of a great bunch of people. Remember that, and come to the shows, bring friends, get members, talk us up, and if you haven't already JOIN NOW.

In Closing: Every time I walk into Crumley and see the residents struggling with their disabilities, I think "There but for the Grace Of God go I or someone I love." I hope if I or a loved one finds ourselves in that situation there will be a RIDING CLUB OF CRUMLEY HOUSE there to make it a little bit easier.

There will be other letters from me to you. The next one will include info on our Fun Show scheduled for the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, September 4th. Mark it on your calendars . Hopefully the weather will cooperate. Also, I will try to explain high points and how. Just because you qualify does not mean you win!

See You next month!

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President