



MONTANA WALKING HORSE NEWS

Tennessee Walking Horse Exhibitor's Association of Montana

A letter from the President

Rick Wies

Hi All! The annual meeting, award dinner, and clinic will be April 25th and 26th in Deer Lodge. More information about the clinic can be found on page three of this newsletter. Please note the details for the events and the closeness of amenities. Mr. Pennington brings real knowledge of the pleasure horse and his clinic will be enlightening. Spread the word, bring a friend and plan on having an enjoyable time.

A TWHEAM membership form is included for 2009. I hope each of you will renew and I would encourage you to introduce others to the state association. If you are new to the Walking Horse industry, a hearty welcome, and thanks for joining us.

TWHEAM youth scholarships are due by April 1st. See any board member to obtain an application. Scholarship information can be found on page two of this newsletter

Mark your calendars, TWHEAM versatility show and rendezvous will be June 20th and 21st at the Sapphire event center in Corvallis. Show packets will be out later.

Office's to be filled this year are Region #2 and Region #3 Director's, and President. If you would like to submit your name for consideration please contact Bobby Norton, chairman of the nomination committee. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

If you have a suggestion for the Pearl Tompkins Award, notify any board member.

TWHBEA News

TWHBEA (Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association) has in the past year signed a partnership agreement with the Back Country Horseman of America. The BCHA originated in the Flathead Valley of Montana and has 17 chapters in Montana. For those who like to trail ride and at the same time promote the agenda of the BCHA I suggest you check them out. If your chapter is having an event please let Amy know so she can include it in our events list. The Mission Valley chapter will be holding their annual Steak Ride on May 5 in Dayton

Rick Wies in Glacier National Park

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(West Shore Flathead Lake). Call Denise at 883-5876. BCH chapters are in Absarokee, Conrad, Lewistown, Missoula, Plains, Hamilton, Columbia Falls, Helena, Corvallis, Libby, Bozeman, Butte, Dillon, Great Falls, Cut bank, Ronan, and Deer Lodge.

TWHBEA has also signed a partnership agreement with the National Park Service. The Walking Horse as such is the official breed of the NPS. The first

breed to be so honored.

TWHBEA has for the second year renewed an agreement with the TV show Best of America by Horseback. This can be seen on RFDTV channel 231 on Dish Network. The BOABH will be hosting a ride from Mexico to Canada.

Your President, Rick Wies

Scholarship Opportunity

TWHEAM SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

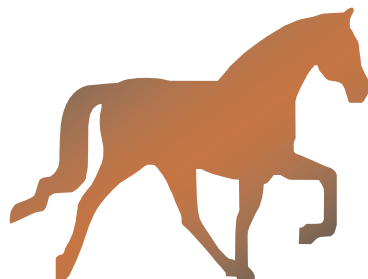
The Tennessee Walking Horse Exhibitors' Association of Montana will award a scholarship each year in the amount of \$250 (based upon the availability of funds). Scholarship application deadline is April 1 and will be awarded at the annual meeting. The scholarship will be awarded based on academic performance (1/3), extracurricular activities (1/3), equine involvement (1/3). Scholarship recipients are eligible to use the award for undergraduate educational expenses at the College, Junior College, University or Trade School of their choice.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Applicant or applicant's parents must be a member of TWHEAM for 2 consecutive years prior to application deadline: April 1.*
- 2) Cannot apply for the scholarship before junior year of high school.*
- 3) Cannot be over the age of 22.*

Note: Scholarship information and eligibility subject to change.

See any board member or our president to obtain an application.



TWHEAM Annual Meeting and Clinic



Dennis Pennington brings 10 years of experience to the clinic, Horse Fair and Expo Market.

He was born and raised in the Salt Lake City, UT area and currently resides in Bluffdale, UT. Dennis owns a consulting firm educating his clients on state and federal D.O.T. regulations. This has allowed him the freedom to pursue his passion of horses.

His talents in training began with training hunting and field trial bird dogs. He competes and wins on the national level as well as travels the country judging for the AKC and American Field. He has won an AKC National Championship as well as other national titles. Dennis has put on many training clinics for hunting and field trial dogs as well. He has trail ridden all over the country in vastly different terrains and circumstances. As field trialing puts you in the saddle for numerous hours at a time, his passion for the Tennessee Walking Horse grew. His involvement in the breed has led him to serve as President of the

Blue Ribbon Arena

The Blue Ribbon Arena is just a few blocks off of I-90 exit #184 and is 150'x 200' with covered stalls off each side. The Roadway Inn (846-2370) with lots of easy big rig parking is just 1600 feet from the arena with 4-B's restaurant next door and within a few blocks you will find a Chinese restaurant, Scarf's restaurant and Motor Inn, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, A & W, A Bakery, Broken Arrow Steak House, Safeway, Les Schwab, I-90 travel plaza, Town Pump etc.

April 25-26th

Blue Ribbon Arena, Deer Lodge, MT

Clinician: Dennis Pennington

Mountain States Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders Association for 3 terms and as Vice President for 3 terms. He has also served as the breed representative to the Utah All Breed Horse Association and has provided demonstrations at horse expos and Walking Horse Open Houses. He has chosen to remain an amateur and trains and shows his own horses. To date, he has won a World Championship and a total of 5 Reserve World Championships between three different horses in both english and western disciplines.

Because of his background, he understands what it truly means to go "from the trail to the rail". Whether it be the practical use of your horse on a daily basis or competing in the show ring on the local, state or national level, Dennis brings a wealth of knowledge to the clinic, Horse Fair and Expo Market. Some of his topics include gait recognition, gait correction, understanding shoeing, biting the gaited horse, round pen work and much more.

Directions:

I-90 exit #184 (Business Loop or Main Street) Just past the Roadway Inn on the left hand side of the road turn left on Buckskin Drive and follow to right hand bend in road as it turns onto Prairie Drive. Turn left on Vigilante Drive and the Blue Ribbon and parking is on the right. Note: Arena is about one half mile from exit #184

Questions? Call Rick Wies at (406) 849-5067

Fill out and return the Clinic Sign-up sheet! (see insert)

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2009 Calendar of Events

- February 28 WHOA/TWHBEA Academy Show, Murfreesbro, TN
- March 20-22 Northwest Horse Fair, Albany, OR
- March 21 WHOA/TWHBEA Academy Championships, Shelbyville, TN
- April 25-26 **TWHEAM Annual Meeting and Clinic, Deer Lodge, MT**
- May 22-25 TN Saturday Night & Versatility Show, West. Washington Fairgrounds, Puyallup, WA
- June 19-21 TWHEAO (Oregon) Summer Extravaganza, Oregon Horse Center, Eugene, OR
- June 20-21 **Montana Regional Versatility Show, Corvallis, MT**
- July 25-26 TWHBEA World Versatility Show, Murfreesbro, TN
- August 1-1 National Walking Horse Association Region 8 Horse Show, Denver, CO
- Sept 25-27 WIWHA Show and Futurity, Oregon Horse Center, Eugene, OR
- December 2-5 Annual TWHBEA Convention & Membership Meeting, Lewisburg, TN

For more dates visit: www.twhbea.com, www.walkinghorseowners.com, www.twheao.com, www.twhbeaofwa.com

