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Friday 18th April – **DISMOUNTED SHOWMANSHIP WORKSHOP**, at 7.30pm in Andrea Ware's living room, Owls House, Lower Crowden, Northlew, EX20 3NE (01409 221961) Watch DVD footage of the AQHA World Show Showmanship finals then have a go at judging some of the competitors. This fun evening will help your own preparation for showmanship and halter classes this year. Also watch some patterns from the WES Championships 2007 and see pivots, back ups, stops and quartering. There will be a £1 charge per person to cover refreshments (tea, coffee, biscuits etc). Parking is limited so please call Judith on 01409 221537 if you would like to come along as we need to know numbers.

Volunteers Needed

This year the Spring Show is on Saturday 17th May at The Grange EC, Northlew. We are asking that if you are not competing and are available that you could volunteer to help out at the show. Jane is on hand to answer any questions about the roles we require at the show. Please give her a call.....Jane Moor 01392 495087
We are also holding a raffle so any suitable raffle prizes you can donate it would be much appreciated.

SHOW PREPARATION CLINIC with Judith Hubbard (WES Judge and Instructor) on Sunday 4th May 10am - 2pm at the Centre for Caring Horsemanship, South Nethercott Farm, Whiddon Down, Okehampton, EX20 2QZ, by kind permission of Mrs Penny Hill. The cost is £30 per horse (or £20 for youngsters) or £2 for spectators. The day will cover showmanship, halter, pleasure, in-hand and ridden trail, horsemanship, western riding; what the judge REALLY wants to see in the winning horse and rider. Practice patterns, accustom your horse to performing in a show-like atmosphere and prepare for the spring show in May. To book please send the full amount to Judith Hubbard, Shallowford, Northlew, Okehampton, Devon EX20 3ND by 20th April (enclose a SAE - or email shallowford@tiscali.co.uk - if you require directions) or call 01409 221537 for more details.

BOB MAYHEW CLINIC - Many thanks to all those who supported the clinic and to Jane Moor for keeping everyone warm with hot drinks and lunches. It was a very successful day with a variety of horses and riders benefiting from Bob's tuition. Andrea, Dave, Bob Cox, Sophia, Lorna, Judith and Bob Greep were kept busy all day working on direct and indirect bend, leg yielding, travers, rollbacks, stops, speed control and lope circles. Hopefully Bob will be back later on in the year to check up on progress. Several members were asking about Bob's excellent video - this can still be purchased either by going to the website bobmayhewtraining.com or telephoning 01730 812000 this is highly recommended for any of you who are either training a young horse to western or converting your english horse.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH - The following is a quote from the introduction of Think Harmony with Horses by Ray Hunt.

'My goal with the horse is not to beat someone; it's to win within myself. To do the best job I can do and tomorrow try to do better. You will be working on yourself to accomplish this, not on your horse. You will work to recognise how you feel toward your horse and how your horse answers back; how he understands you, and how he takes it. There shouldn't be any hassle; there shouldn't be any big flare-up. Mentally, your horse should not weigh anything. When you ask your horse to do something it should be his idea. This is the goal. In the end, when you ask your horse to do something, he wants to do it, he likes to do it, he understands how to do it, and he does it.'

CAMP

Summer camp this year is 18th -19th -20th July we have our usual trainers plus a new one Sherie Dermody. Listening to peoples comments we thought it was time to get as many people to come and join in whether you bring your horse or not. There are six groups to choose from, prices are approximate but I really need lots of feedback from you. Please let me know if you are seriously interested, this will be on a first come first served basis, ring Andrea on 01409 221961

Group 1 Two legged **approx £25**

Stay over meals provided for the weekend join in with everyone learn by watching lessons listening to lectures BBQ Saturday night get to know people in the club etc

Group 2 Young horse **approx £60**

Bring your young horse stable provided Stay over meals provided for the weekend join in with everyone learn by watching lessons listening to lectures etc also have two /three lessons doing in hand showing /trail. Enter camp show. BBQ Saturday night get to know people in the club etc

Group 3 Trail blazer **approx £75**

Bring your horse stable provided Stay over meals provided for the weekend join in with everyone learn by watching lessons listening to lectures etc also trail obstacles will be set up for your use trail lessons optional enter camp show BBQ Saturday night get to know people in the club etc

Group 4 Loco **approx £125**

Bring your horse stable provided Stay over meals provided for the weekend join in with everyone learn by watching lessons listening to lectures etc also have hours of lessons enter camp show BBQ

Group 5 Sat night **approx £5**

Come to the BBQ Saturday night get to know people in the club have a go at line dancing bull roping etc

Group 6 Camp show **approx £25**

Enter the camp show on the Sunday stabling (subject to availability)

DATE	DIARY DATES	CONTACT
Friday 18 th April	Dismounted Showmanship Workshop 7.30pm	Judith Hubbard 01409 221537
Saturday 17 th May	DWRC Spring Show	Jane Moor 01392 495087
Sunday 1 st June	Dartmoor Ride	Roger Harris 01752 872819
Fri 18 th Sat 19 th Sun 20 th July	DWRC Camp The Grange EC, Northlew	Andrea Ware 01409 221961
Sunday 21 st September	DWRC Autumn Show	TBA

OTHER DATES

Tuesday 8th April – ‘Fit To Ride’ with Jon Pitts – Memorial Hall, Holsworthy. Buffet and Bar. Cost - £5 7.30pm For more information please contact Karen or Caroline on 01409 255549

Monday 14th April – Richard Thompson Horsemanship Clinic – Richard is a well known and respected trainer of horses in North America and Europe. He was a professional polo player for many years and still trains polo ponies now. He also teaches in Austria with the Spanish Riding School. His philosophy is that he ‘teaches people to train horses’
Venue- Centre for Caring Horsemanship, Whiddon Down – 10 am – 4pm.
Contact.....Ann Dickman 01837 840966

Sunday 27th April – Spooners and West Dartmoor Hunt Show (incl Western Classes)

June 7th – 8th - Western Equestrian Society Area 3 Show at the Hand Equestrian Centre, Clevedon, Somerset. All western classes held over the weekend with qualifying classes for the National Championships in August.

11th - 13th July - West Coast Circuit AQHA Show at the Mendip Stud, Badgworth, Somerset. For further details go to www.themendipstud.com

8th - 10th August - West Coast Circuit AQHA Show at the Mendip Stud, Badgworth, Somerset.

August – Northlew Show TBA

August 22nd - 24th - WES National Championship Moreton Morrell, Warwickshire.

September 26th – 28th - American Quarter Horse Breed Show at the Hand Equestrian Centre, Clevedon, Somerset.

FOR SALE/WANTED

ITEMS FOR SALE There are a number of western tack items for sale including cinches, spurs, reins, show halters, rope halters, chink and show chaps, stetsons, also various western training DVDs (Bob Loomis, Al Dunning, Dick Pieper, Mike Bridges, Parelli and others) plus general equestrian books. Items will be for sale at camp in July but contact Judith (01409 221537 or shallowford@tiscali.co.uk) for more details and a full printed list before then.

WANTED to loan for 2008 competition season.

Nice horse to compete in all Western Classes for successful Youth rider, good knowledgeable home assured. Please contact.....Janet Bradelia 01237 424020

WANTED transport needed from tongue end, near Belstone for One 13.2hh pony who is good to load, to Richard Thompson's Clinic at Whiddon Down on Monday 14th April, if anyone can help then please contact.....Ann Dickman 01837 840966