

# HOOF PRINTS



Douglas County Trail Riders  
816 N. 1750 Road, Lawrence, KS 66049

## Full House at Holiday Party

The DCTR Clubhouse was packed on December 8 for the 2012 Holiday Party. More than 100 members enjoyed Jimmy Springer’s famous pork and beef barbecue with delicious side dishes and desserts from members.

After good food and conversation, a rousing auction with auctioneer Gary Holladay raised more than \$1,000 for the club. A big DCTR “Thank You” to all who donated gifts to be auctioned and to those who bid so generously!

Also during the party, the Springer Family – Jimmy, Julie and Taylor – were recognized for their club support with the 2012 Workhorse Award. Julie heads up the Concessions Committee and Jimmy’s barbecue and Taylor’s smiling face can be found at most DCTR events, providing valuable fundraising. Jimmy is also a mainstay for property maintenance, helping get and keep the grounds in great shape for our events. Thank you and congratulations to the Springers!

*The Springer family, from left, Taylor, Jimmy and Julie, are the 2012 DCTR Workhorse Award winners.*

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## Upcoming Events

February 1      Monthly Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Dinner/Entertainment  
7:00 p.m. Business meeting

March 1          Monthly Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Dinner/Entertainment  
7:00 p.m. Business meeting

March 17        Lawrence St. Patrick’s Day Parade

April 5           Monthly Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Dinner/Entertainment  
7:00 p.m. Business meeting

May 3            Monthly Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Dinner/Entertainment  
7:00 p.m. Business meeting

## DCTR Wants YOU to Join a Committee

DCTR committees make things HAPPEN! You can contribute to the club's success by joining a committee. Volunteers were accepted at the January meeting, but more are welcome and needed! Every member is encouraged to participate in as many committees as they want. To volunteer, contact Jenna Brumm at [brummfarms@gmail.com](mailto:brummfarms@gmail.com).

Here's a run-down of each committee.

**Horse Show:** The Horse Committee is in charge of all suspected of the organized horse shows at DCTR. Responsibilities include but not limited to: picking dates, show bill, hiring judges, assigning help, etc.

**Trail Ride:** The Trail Ride Committee is in charge of planning all of the club's organized trail rides that are for fun or for fundraising.

**Activities:** The Activity Committee is the heart of DCTR. Events planned through the committee include but are not limited to: play days, clinics, parades, parties, parade evaluations, raceos, Open Cowboy Courses, etc.

**By-Law:** The By-Law Committee is responsible for

reviewing DCTR's By-Laws and Constitution and presenting any necessary changes to the club.

**Maintenance:** The Maintenance Committee is responsible for the upkeep of the building, grounds or property. The committee shall set up work days as needed. They will prioritize the importance of projects and prepare estimates of the cost of any work to present to the DCTR Board.

**Concessions:** This committee is responsible for organizing and running the concession stand at DCTR activities or other events. They will organize help, donations, etc. required.

**Technology:** The Technology Committee is responsible for DCTR's website and Facebook page to take DCTR's image online. They will work with all committees to publicize events, solicit help, donations, etc.

### DCTR Committees:

Horse Show  
Trail Ride  
Activities  
By-Laws  
Maintenance  
Concessions  
Technology

## St. Patrick's Day Parade Coming Up Fast

DCTR will be wearing o' the green again this March as we participate in the Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 17, starting at 1 p.m. More info on the parade can be found here: <http://lawrencestpatricksdaysparade.com/>.

DCTR hopes to repeat its domination of the Non-Profit category and win the \$500 First Prize with a float and riders again this year.

To help you get your horse ready, we will hold a de-spooking clinic and parade evaluation prior to the parade, date to be announced. The de-spooking clinic is great training even if you choose not to ride in the parade.

More details on plans for the parade will be provided soon.

## Don't forget to renew your membership!

Members are the lifeblood of our organization, and your membership dues allow us to maintain the DCTR property and provide events and activities. Please remember to renew your membership for 2013 at the next club meeting, or by downloading a Membership form from the DCTR website at <http://www.dctr.org/docs/DCTRMembership.pdf> and mailing your check to Treasurer Lyric Bartz. Single membership is \$30; Family Membership is just \$45.

Membership entitles you to reduced registration rates and entry fees at many club events, and ensures you received the DCTR Hoof Prints newsletter to stay current on club activities.

Renewals are due by March 31. Renew today!

## January Meeting Previews Exciting Year for DCTR

The January DCTR meeting provided a look ahead at a year sure to appeal to our members' wide range of interests, and a commitment to member communication and involvement.

To keep everyone up-to-date on financial obligations and needs of the club, a Board meeting report will be presented at each member meeting, in addition to regular committee reports. Members suggested reviewing the by-laws for possible updates regarding financial controls and general membership oversight.

Larry Bartz reported on maintenance areas that will need attention in 2013, including arena fencing, lighting, crow's nest roof, concrete work, and driveway rock. Several creative ideas for fundraising to cover major maintenance costs were discussed. The Maintenance Committee will prioritize the list of maintenance needs and

## 2013 Officers and Board Members

The following Officers and Board Members were elected at the November club meeting and began serving in January. Feel free to contact them with suggestions or feedback for the club!

<b>President</b>	Jenna Brumm
<b>Vice President</b>	Marty Bloomquist
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	Julie DeYoung
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Dee Karleskint
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lyric Bartz
<b>Board Members</b>	Kirk Holland, Chairman
	Larry Bartz
	Randy Farley
	Kelley Hamersky
	Julie Springer

present them at the February meeting.

For 2013, the Trail Ride Committee plans to schedule for several fun rides in addition to the usual fundraising rides. Stay tuned for more details!

The Activity Committee looks to build on 2012 successes and schedule an activity each month, such as Raceo, Cowboy obstacle course, and fun shows, to name a few.

The Horse Show committee is looking forward to hosting a circuit show again this year, to be held on July 7, 2013 at the DCTF facility.

A wish list of items for the clubhouse and concession will be posted and members are asked to contribute when possible. See the current Wish List on page X of the newsletter.

## DCTR Shines in Lawrence Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade

The reviews are in, and DCTR was a hit at the Lawrence Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade on December 1! The only horse-drawn parade in the Midwest, the Lawrence Christmas parade features horse-drawn carriages, wagons and coaches decorated for the season. The DCTR-sponsored wagon filled with members was accompanied by a whole contingent of outriders, making an impressive presentation. The warm weather may not have felt very Christmas-y but was much appreciated!



While intended to showcase horse-drawn rather than mounted units, at the parade follow-up meeting, DCTR was told we are welcome due to our strong turnout and participation in the spirit of the parade.

Thank you to all who turned out to represent DCTR so well!



### Wish List

Support the club the next time you go shopping by throwing a few extra items in your cart. We are in need of the following supplies for DCTR meetings and other events:

- Styrofoam cups
- Plastic forks (heavy duty)
- Plastic spoons
- Small and medium plates
- Large divided plates (heavy)
- Napkins
- Papers towels
- Pop (name brand, please)
- Water

Year \_\_\_\_\_

# Douglas County Trail Riders

## Membership Application

Return Completed Form to: 1819 E. 1200 Lawrence KS 66049 C/O Lyric Bartz Checks Payable: Douglas County Trail Riders

Check one: FAMILY (\$45) \_\_\_\_\_ SINGLE (\$30) \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

Names: Last, First \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members: Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Minors in the Home: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Please List Additional on Back

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive an electronic DCTR newsletter? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Text Messages: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

What activities are you interested in? Parades \_\_\_\_\_ Social Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Horse Shows \_\_\_\_\_

Clinics \_\_\_\_\_ Play days \_\_\_\_\_ Trail rides \_\_\_\_\_ Raceos \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in volunteering on committees or projects? If so, what kind of things would you like to do?

\_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to The Equine/Livestock Liability Act (KSA Ch.290) I understand there are inherent risks within equine related activities and accept the responsibility of myself, my children or those for which I am legal guardian, in engaging in domestic animal activities.

By becoming a member of Douglas County Trail Riders, I accept the responsibilities outlined in the By-Laws. This means a commitment to the Club of working at least four hours each year if an individual member or eight hours if a family member.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Excerpt from By-Laws of Douglas County Trail Riders, Inc.: Article IV. Responsibility

1. Each member of the club must assume the responsibility to attend as many Club functions as possible.
2. Members shall assist in Club planning and property maintenance as much as possible.
3. Conduct must be above reproach in sportsmanship, showing, or the recreational use of horses.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY TRAIL RIDERS, Inc. AND ITS BOARD MEMBERS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES OR LOSS TO HORSES, RIDERS, EQUIPMENT OR SPECTATORS.**

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[www.dctr.org](http://www.dctr.org)

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## Dinner and a Meeting

In 2012, we began offering dinner prior to the business meeting to provide social time and keep the meetings fun. The \$5 freewill offering also provides a little extra monthly income to help pay the electric bill!

The pre-meeting dinners will continue this year, and Carolyn Crawford has volunteered to assist Julie Springer in organizing each month's menu and food donations. Anyone who would like to bring food, please contact Carolyn at [ccjava2cups@yahoo.com](mailto:ccjava2cups@yahoo.com) or 785-841-3795 and she will put you on the schedule!

February's menu is a Chili and Potato Bar – good warming food for a cold winter meeting!

*2013 membership renewals are  
due by March 31, 2013.  
Download the form here:  
[DCTR Membership Form](#)*

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