

# HOOF PRINTS

DOUGLAS COUNTY TRAIL RIDERS  
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May 2018

## Upcoming Events

All events at the DCTR Clubhouse and Grounds unless otherwise stated. Check [www.dctr.org](http://www.dctr.org) or our Facebook page for event specifics throughout the year.

### May

- 20 Trail Ride - Hillsdale 10 a.m. ride out with lunch on the trail
- 27 Work Day at DCTR, 1-5 p.m.

### June

- 1 DCTR Meeting
- 2 Despooning, Parade Evaluations and Open Arena/Cowboy Obstacles
- 3 Ranch Versatility Trail Clinic with Matt Lange
- 9 Lecompton Territorial Days Parade
- 23 Trail Ride - Perry Lake

### July

- 1 DCTR Workday
- 6 DCTR Monthly Meeting
- 21 DCTR Trail Ride at LaCygne Lake

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## Register NOW for June 3 Versatility Ranch Horse Clinic

Come learn about the emerging popularity of Versatility Ranch Horse competition at our June 3 clinic with Matt Lange. If you're not familiar with Versatility Ranch Horse competition, it promotes the athletic ability and versatility of the horse as demonstrated in six classes - ranch riding, ranch trail, ranch cutting, ranch reining, ranch cow work and ranch conformation. Several different breed and ranch horse associations offer competitions so the classes may differ slightly depending on the Association or sponsoring entity.

Matt will concentrate on the skills both the horse and rider will need to negotiate a Ranch Trail Course as well as discuss the other classes. A Ranch Trail

pattern approximates obstacles found during the course of everyday ranch work, such as opening and closing a gate, dragging a log, roping an object, and



crossing a bridge. Others items are walk, trot and loping over poles, backing through poles, simple or flying lead changes, and gait transitions.

*Matt Lange is a winning ranch horse competitor*

Interested in learning more about Ranch Versatility Competition? Here's a link to an informative article: <https://cowgirlmagazine.com/versatility-ranch-horse-competitions/>

## DCTR Work Day is May 27

The first Work Day of 2018 will be May 27 from 1-5 p.m. The focus will be on getting the outside grounds looking great for the upcoming events, including painting, flower bed cleanouts, trimming and repairs. Some tools are available but we suggest bringing work gloves and whatever other tools you think would be helpful.

Future work days are scheduled for July 1, August 5, September 9 and October 21, all from 1-5 p.m. Contact Judy Warren at 785-979-3074 with questions.

## Despooning June 2, Parade June 9

DCTR's next Despooning Clinic will take place on Saturday June 2nd. From 10-11:30AM participants will be able to practice with the obstacles. At

11:30AM, we will start evaluating for parade certification. In order to pass, horse and rider pair must be able to calmly work through all the obstacles. As a reminder, parade certification is a requirement for each horse and rider pair before they can ride in parades with DCTR. Once certification is complete the obstacles will be put away, and it will be an open arena until 2PM.

The Lecompton Parade is June 9th, with Line Up at 10:00AM. We are allowed to park our trailers and prepare in the grass at Lecompton Elementary School (626 Whitfield St, Lecompton, KS 66050). We are asking everyone to wear blue jeans, DCTR t-shirt, and cowboy hat. You can purchase DCTR t-shirts at the club meeting or at the despoeking clinic. The club will provide our DCTR saddle pad covers, and vet wrap to create a uniform look. Please be saddled and ready by 9:30AM so we can take a group photo. Miste (parade chair) will be at the Despoeking Clinic to answer any parade questions. You may also reach her via email: mistetidball@gmail.com. This is a perfect, short parade for any inexperienced parade horse/rider!!

## DCTR KSHSC Show Recap



Saturday, April 28, was the first Kansas State Horse Show Circuit (KSHSC) horse show of the season at the Douglas County Fairgrounds indoor arena. It was a beautiful day and the riders that turned out had a

wonderful time.

The tack sale booth was a popular spot at the show. Many people donated and benefited from the great selection of tack, clothes and miscellaneous. Please keep the club in mind as you go through your tack and closets. The purchase of donated tack helps to fund our club. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked. Julie Springer and Maggie Stout did a great job organizing our Tack and Clothing Sale.

## AHCA Obstacle Challenge May 6

American Horsemen Challenge Association (ACHA) had a great turn out on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> at DCTR. Thank you to Clayton and Windy Cummings, and to the ACHA members who came to compete and helped coach our DCTR "rookies." It was a very supportive and positive group!



Based on the success of the event, we are considering hosting a second competition this fall or bringing it back again next year.



You can learn all about AHCA and the official rules at [www.americanhorsemenchallenge.com](http://www.americanhorsemenchallenge.com).

## First Trail Ride is May 20

Join Douglas County Trail Riders on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Hillsdale Saddle Ridge Horse Trails (<http://ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Locations/Hillsdale/Trails/Saddle-Ridge-Trails>) for the May trail ride. We will ride-out at 10 am. Club members will be camping at Saddle Ridge or S&S Stables on Friday and Saturday night. Non-members are welcome. This is a no-fee ride, cost limited to state park or camping fees as applicable.

Watch the DCTR Facebook page for more information. Call or text Rachael Eve at 913-709-1671 to answer your questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Save the date for our next ride, **Saturday June 23rd at Perry Lake State Park** (<http://ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Locations/Perry>). Campers are encouraged to

join us for a Friday and Saturday night stay, ride and sleep-over at the lake. More details to follow.

### **Upcoming Benefit Trail Rides:**

Here's a listing of upcoming Benefit Trail Rides:

Sept. 1-2 Perry Lake Benefit Ride

Sept. 22-23 Kanopolis State Park Winter Breeze Benefit Trail Ride

Sept. 28-30 Critter Care Benefit Trail Ride, Perry State Park

Oct. 14-15 Eisenhower Lake Benefit Ride

## **June 1 Meeting to Feature Summer Picnic Five Buck Dinner**

Please join us for our monthly meeting on Friday, June 1, at the Clubhouse. We'll be celebrating summer with a picnic-themed dinner at 6:30 p.m. featuring cool sub sandwiches, hot potato salad and deviled eggs. We'll dine al fresco at the picnic tables, weather permitting, so feel free to bring your lawn chairs. If anyone would like to contribute other sides or a dessert, please let Julie Springer know at 785-979-1161. We'll have an informative speaker and our usual business meeting. Heck, maybe we'll have a fire in the fire pit and make s'mores after the meeting!

We're also looking for sponsors for the July dinner. Ideas include a cookout on the grill or ice cream social, but we're open to whatever the dinner sponsor wants to make!

## **Trail Riding Enthusiasts**

We've had requests for more informal, impromptu trail rides, and sharing of information when people will be riding on trails in the area. With that in mind, some members have created a group on Facebook called StarS - the Spontaneous Trail Adventure RiderS - for anyone wishing to share. Contact Michelle Vassar to be added to the group.



We had a fun spontaneous ride at Wild Horse Campground at Perry Lake on April 29. Eleven riders enjoyed the afternoon on the trail. Please post when you ride so others can join you.



*A group of DCTR members and friends enjoyed a "spontaneous trail adventure" at Perry Lake on April 29.*



## **Wish List**

Next time you are shopping, would you pick an item to add to our supply? Here is a list:

- Brand name pop in cans, regular and diet of Coke, Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Dr. Pepper, Sprite and Root Beer
- Sturdy paper plates
- Dessert plates
- Sturdy soup bowls
- Solo cups
- Styrofoam coffee cups
- Plastic silverware
- Condiments: ketchup, mustard and relish