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DOUGLAS COUNTY TRAIL RIDERS
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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

New Officers and Board Members Take Office

January found our new officers starting the New Year off with a blast.

Officers

President	Julie DeYoung
Vice President	Marty Bloomquist
Recording Secretary	Kirstyn Flohrschutz
Corresponding Secretary	Michelle Vassar
Treasurer	Liz Rombach

Board of Trustees

Immediate Past President Bonnie Kern
Kelley Hamersky
Julie Springer
Maggie Stout
Miste Tidball
Judy Warren



Upcoming Events

All events at the DCTR Clubhouse and Grounds unless otherwise stated. Check www.dctr.org or our Facebook page for event specifics throughout the year.

February

18 Painting Party
24-26 Equifest Booth

March

3 DCTR Meeting
12 Despooking/Parade Evaluations/Open Arena
17 Lawrence St Patrick's Day Parade
26 Clinic—Missy Hood: Intro to Ranch Riding

April

1 Trail Ride
7 DCTR meeting
23 DCTR KSHSC Horse Show @ Fairgrounds

May

5 DCTR Meeting
7 Clinic—Ty Haas Horsemanship
20 Trail Ride

2016 Year in Review

Despite some challenges from Mother Nature, 2016 was another successful year for DCTR. We started the year off with a Training Trifecta of three horsemanship clinics. Despite inclement weather, through the generosity of our Vice President Marty Bloomquist, we were able to move them to Dancing Star Ranch's indoor facility rather than having to cancel them.

We faced similar challenges with our horse shows, rescheduling multiple times, and eventually having to scrap the Summer Fun Show. But we did manage to hold a KSHSC Show and Fall Fun Show with good attendance at both.

After getting rained out last year, we had better luck with our trail rides, holding five rides, including a weekend trip to Missouri and our Benefit trail ride here at DCTR. In addition, we held three Despooking Clinics, evaluated a whopping 90 horses and riders, and rode in five parades, receiving awards at two of them, plus our monthly club meetings with guest speakers.

Our new Lifetime Members are Joan Holmes, Judy and Larry Warren, and Peggy and Leo Wenger.

Looking Forward to Feb/March

Equifest -Feb 24-26 Volunteers needed

Planning to go to EQUIFEST? Want to get in free? Just sign up as a volunteer by February 20 and that can be you! Load in/Load out shifts are available Wednesday 10-2 or 12-4, Thursday 8-12, 12-4 and 4-8 and on Sunday from 4-8 (or until done). Park Your Package at the DCTR Booth shifts are available Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Contact Marty Bloomquist and let her know when you'd like to help. Even if you've already given us your info, be sure to get on the Equifest website at www.equifestofks.com and sign up as a volunteer. That insures that you get your free pass!



Once on the site, click on "Get Involved". Click on Volunteer, enter your personal info then scroll down to the "Loading/Unloading/Park your Package Marty Bloomquist" line. If you are working the DCTR/Park your Package BOOTH during EQUIFEST, you also need to follow that same procedure and you will get a free pass.

Questions? Text Marty at 785-554-3257 or FB Message her about Load in/Load out. Contact Kelley Hamersky at 785-640-3398 about working in the DCTR booth or at Park Your Package

March Events



Missy Hood will be joining us at the **March 3 meeting** for dinner and to give a short presentation. She is our **first clinic** of the season giving us

an **Introduction to Ranch Riding** on **March 26** at Dancing Star Ranch.

Despooking Clinic/Parade Certification will be on **March 12** in preparation for the **Lawrence St Patrick's Day Parade** the following week **March 17**. Contact Miste Tidball at 785-249-4157 if you're interested in riding in the parade.

2017 Committees

If you are interested in serving on one of the following committees in 2017, please email us at dctr@dctr.org

Activities Committee - Chair Marty Bloomquist

The Activity Committee is the heart of DCTR. Events planned through the committee include but are not limited to: play days, clinics, parties, despooking and parade evaluations and Open Cowboy Course.

Concessions Committee - Chair Julie Springer

The Concessions Committee organizes and provides concessions and food for DCTR events, and manages the Clubhouse kitchen and supplies.

Horse Show Committee - Chair Bonnie Kern

The Horse Committee is in charge of the Kansas State Horse Show Circuit shows and Fun Shows at DCTR. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: picking dates, show bill, hiring judges, organizing volunteers, etc.

Parade Committee - Chair Miste Tidball

The newly formed Parade Committee raises awareness of DCTR by coordinating participation in local parades.

Trail Ride Committee - Chair Liz Rombach

The Trail Ride Committee plans and manages all of the club's organized trail rides for fun or fundraising.

Technology Committee - Chair Julie DeYoung

The Technology Committee provides oversight and manages the Club's online and digital assets, including our website and social media accounts.

Maintenance Committee - Chair Michelle Vassar

The Maintenance Committee is responsible for the upkeep of the building, grounds and property. The Maintenance Committee also sets up work days as needed and organizes volunteer or paid labor or services to maintain the Club property in good working order.

Kelley Hamersky Wins 2016 Bud Nation Work Horse Award

The Work Horse Award is given each year to a member or members who have contributed time, energy and resources to the Club in the past year. Last year, on our 60th Anniversary, we renamed the award in honor of founding member Bud Nation, who passed away in 2013. Our 2016 winner is Kelley Hamersky. She put in time and effort to make our booth at last year's Equifest a success. Kelly is always a reliable volunteer at all of our events and can be counted on to help however is needed.



Kelley Hamersky (left), accepts the DCTR Bud Nation Work Horse Award from DCTR President Julie DeYoung (right) during the Christmas Party.

Our deepest condolences to the Nation Family on the recent passing of Bud's wife, Helen.

Trail rides in 2017

DCTR is kicking off the 2017 trail season with an April 1st ride on Landon Nature Trails and ending November 5th with the Annual Fund Raiser ride. Landon Nature Trail is a great season opener. The trail footing is solid so we won't need to cancel unless it is actually raining. It is a good first ride for a horse new to trails or experienced riders warming up for the season. The Landon Nature Trail is on the former Missouri-Pacific Railroad. The 38-mile Landon Nature trail is a particularly scenic recreational trail stretching from the popular Shunga Trail in Topeka to the Clinton Wildlife Area, Pomona Lake and on to the 117-mile Flint Hills Nature Trail near Quenemo. Don't worry we will be riding only a short portion of the 40 mile trail.

All trail rides this season will have a scheduled day ride. In addition, with the exception of the season opener in May and closer in November, overnight camping will be organized for those interested. We have the first two ride locations scheduled for this year as well as our challenge ride in September at Kannapolis Lake. The remaining trail ride locations are pending Trail Ride committee decisions.

We look forward to seeing you all on the trails this year! Trail Rides are no cost. Members and non-members are welcome. Contact Liz Rombach at emrombach@yahoo.com or text 816-289-7197 for more information.

2017 DCTR Trail Rides

April 1	Landon Trails
May 20	Hillsdale Lake
June 25	Location TBD
August 19	Location TBD
Sept. 16-17	Kannapolis Lake
Oct 15	Location TBD

Other Trail Riding Opportunities

Fund Raisers:

April 28-30, Kansas Horse Council ride at Hillsdale
September 2-3rd, Perry Lake Benefit Ride
September 22nd, Kannapolis Benefit Ride
September 29-October 1st, Clinton Lake Benefit Ride
October 14-15th, Eisenhower Lake Benefit Ride

Fun Photos!

Check the Photos section of our Facebook page for more fun photos from DCTR events.



Top and bottom left: DCTR was looking sharp at the Lawrence Old Fashioned Christmas Parade Dec 3. Bottom right: DCTR members listen to Jo Turner speak about Equifest at the January meeting.

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

Membership Renewal Reminder

Please remember to renew your membership by April 1. Member benefits include reduced rates to participate in clinics and horse shows and free despooping clinics and play days. Download a membership form at <http://www.dctr.org/forms.php> or at the next meeting or event.