

# PEKIN RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER

January 2010

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1st at 6PM

- Regular Meeting

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy New Year!

Once again your PRC board has been very busy in the off season and put quite a bit of work and thought into two major things during December.

One of these is the PRC showbill. When you see the 2010 showbill you will notice that the Trail class has been added to every show for the year. We had great turnouts for the class when we had it and are hoping to make it even more fun this year. The other big showbill change is that the board has decided to hold shows on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week of each month rather than every week. The shows will run from May to October (another change) with the May, September & October shows on Fridays and the June, July & August shows on Tuesdays. There were several reasons for this change and it was discussed at great length and over many hours as we compared ourselves to other clubs, recognized that in 2008 and 2009 PRC only hosted 14 shows per year with all of the cancellations, because of the ongoing challenge of finding volunteers and several other reasons. I know that this is a change in the way PRC has usually done their show season, but we hope you will enjoy some of the extra evenings to ride with your friends or take advantage of using the PRC arena to ride with your friends and practice for other shows.

The other new item is in how we expect year-end awards will be handled. We are still working through the details, but the skeleton looks something like this: (look for more details in the next couple of months)

For each arena (pleasure and speed) there will be a "Top 5" award for those 5 people who score the most points in that arena - similar to a "Top 10" in the Breed Show world. These will be exceptionally nice prizes. From there, the remaining competitors would be broken out into 3 groups (for now lets call them A, B & C). Each group would be made up of competitors who were a set number of points below the "Top 5" (maybe 50 below the Top 5, 100 below the Top 5, and 150 below the Top 5). As you earn fewer points the prize will be simpler, but still nice. Right now it looks like using this method would allow us to give more expensive prizes to more people (32 people instead of 24 people based on the 2009 numbers) and cost less for the club. There will still be an overall high point awarded, but not prizes for placing in each individual class.

As always, let one of your board members know if you have questions and here's to staying warm!

Nicole

## NEWS & NOTES

### All PRC Memberships expired on Jan 1, 2010

Please note that all memberships expire on Dec 31 of the year they were purchased. This will be the last newsletter all of you receive as part of your 2009 membership. A membership form for 2010 has been included in this newsletter to make sure you don't miss any of the things going on at PRC this year!

As part of cost savings in 2010 we will be trying not to mail newsletters but to send them via email to anyone who provides an email address as well as providing the information on our website. If you choose not to provide an email address you will continue to receive your newsletters through the mail, but we appreciate your help in saving costs and helping us be more environmentally friendly.

### Replacement Fence Fundraising

As part of this newsletter you will also find a request for a fundraising project. We are asking for donations to help us put a nice white board fence in front of the property and then replace additional sections as money permits. Please consider contributing to the fence fund and help us make PRC an even better place!

### Updated Bylaws

#### Membership Vote at February Meeting

You may remember that we had a bylaws meeting in November to update the PRC bylaws. The current bylaws are on our website and the major changes are:

- General meeting date moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month
- Updated club purpose so that it matches the PRC vision and mission statements
- Removal of the "trail committee" because of insurance requirements

If you are unable to attend the meeting in February we will consider you a "yes" vote to the changes proposed. Please feel free to contact a board member with any questions you may have.

### Quote of the month:

"The wagon rests in winter, the sleigh in summer, the horse never. ~Yiddish Proverb

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account Balance - \$3713.67  
Concession Stand Balance - \$350  
Savings Balance - \$2010.42  
Total Balance - \$6075.09

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