



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2nd

- Board Meeting
- 6 PM - Applebees in Pekin

March 1st

- Scholarship Applications Due

March 2nd - 4th

- Illinois Horse Fair

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I know I commented on this at the awards banquet, but Cory and I would like to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for not only being such a great group of people to work with, but for the gifts you presented us with. We are truly honored to be a part of what has to be the best saddle club around and can not wait to help you make it even better in 2012!

Along those lines the board has reviewed the comments that all of you made on the raffle forms you filled out at the banquet. There is some great stuff in there and we will do what we can to incorporate as many of your comments as we can. However, remember that we also have the challenge of making sure that PRC is able to sustain itself financially and this is the first year in a long time that we have been able to do that. We are on the right track and will do our very best to incorporate your suggestions.

We are also looking at the "Fuzzy Pony" show for next year and hope to be working with the Mounted Games Across America group to really try some fun things. Stay tuned for more details!

REMINDER: All memberships expire on December 31st of this year. Everyone will receive a January Newsletter as a courtesy and reminder, but that will be your last newsletter until you renew your membership. You don't want to miss a thing, so filling out your membership form after you receive it will keep you updated on all things PRC - once again there is some great stuff coming that should be tons of fun!

Have a wonderful Christmas season and we will be looking forward to seeing you all for our 2012 shows!

Nicole

NEWS & NOTES

AWARDS BANQUET

What a great evening! It was so much fun to present all of the awards to our members who worked so hard all year! One major lesson learned - with such a great membership we need a bigger location for next year. We are already working on it and should have a really nice facility for next year. We are already working on the awards and have some REALLY REALLY great stuff in the discussions. I can't wait!

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE!

We have the PRC Cookbooks ready! If you need one we can get you a book in time for Christmas. Books are just \$10 and would make wonderful gifts for several people on your list.

ILLINOIS HORSE FAIR

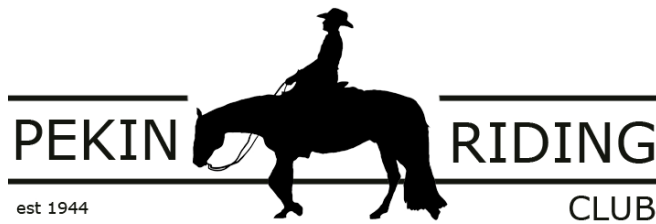
At the board meeting we discussed doing a PRC demo at the IL Horse Fair this year. We need at least 4-6 riders who can ride on Sat March 3rd and Sun March 4th. There is a cost for the demo and we may ask riders to pick up part of the cost that is estimated to be around \$50 each (to be determined exactly at the next board meeting). If you are interested and have a crowd capable horse that can demonstrate halter, showmanship, leadline, western or English pleasure, speed events, carry a flag or demonstrate your costume please let us know and we can put you on the list of people to contact. We have some great response so far on Facebook, so don't miss your chance if you are interested!

PRC SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship fund has been established for PRC members and has at least one \$1000 college scholarship to award for members who meet the scholarship criteria. The application form is included in this newsletter. Applications are due by March 1st and an independent selection committee will take input from the current board to help make their decision. If you have questions with the scholarship the contact information is included in the application. Fund available may allow for larger awards in a given year, or even multiple awards, so even if you aren't headed off to school in 2012 check out the requirements and start building your application for when you are ready ☺

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account Balance - \$13,463.91
 Concession Stand Balance - \$1,624.23
 Savings Balance - \$2024.98
 Total Balance - \$17,113.12



Pekin Riding Club 2012 Scholarship Fund

This fund was created to assist Pekin Riding Club members who are pursuing continuing educational opportunities, whether traditional college studies or vocational training. The award is intended to defray tuition, fees, books, and other academic expenses. At least one \$1000 award per year can be provided with additional dollars and awards based on funds available. If no candidates meet the requirements the scholarship will not be awarded. Scholarships may be renewed pending reapplication and approval from the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Selection Criteria

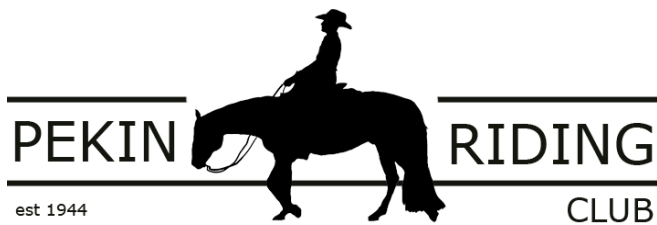
The applicant will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Must have been a member of the Pekin Riding Club for at least the most recent two seasons. A 2012 award can only go to applicants who were members in 2010, 2011 and have renewed for 2012 by the time this application is submitted.
- Applicant must have materially contributed to the running of the riding club by helping with shows, work days or other club operations.
- Applicant must have showed exemplary sportsmanship throughout their membership at PRC.
- Applicant must show reasonable academic achievement or job history.
- If all other requirements are equal the award will go to the member who shows overall equine safety at PRC including the use and promotion of riding helmets at shows.
- Award can be presented to members who will be graduating from High School in the 2012 year, to young adults currently enrolled in a college or vocational program or to adults pursuing a degree in a college or vocational program

To Apply

Please submit the following with your completed scholarship application

- High School or College transcript whichever is the most recent. If applicant has not been in school for 10 years or more employment information and letter of recommendation must be provided in lieu of transcripts.
- Written statement not to exceed 1 page using 1" margins and a 12 point font describing something the applicant has learned about sportsmanship while participating at PRC and how that concept will help them in their secondary education.
- List of ways the applicant has participated in PRC activities as a separate page.
- Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2011
- Award will be presented at the Pekin Riding Club Spring Fundraiser or at the first show of 2012 if the fundraiser is not held because of weather.
- Recipient may be asked to allow information to be released to the media following the award.



Scholarship Application Form

(incomplete applications and those postmarked after March 1, 2011 will not be considered)

Application Year: 2012

Name: _____
(first) *(last)*

Address: _____
(street) *(city)* *(state)* *(zip)*

Phone: _____ Email: _____

High School Attended: _____

Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____
(if graduation date is in the last 10 years)

Colleges Attended

Name: _____ Dates Attended : _____ GPA: _____
(example 3.0/4.0)

Name: _____ Dates Attended : _____ GPA: _____
(example 3.0/4.0)

Current Employment

Employer: _____
(business) *(city)* *(state)*

Current or Expected College for 2012: _____

Desired Field of Study: _____

Educational Goal: Associates _____ Bachelors _____ Other _____

Submit Application and Questions to:

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