

4-H Horse Clubs Popular in County

by: Melissa Piper

It was recently estimated that there are approximately eight million horses in this country with just about that many people interested in riding and showing the animals. Lancaster County is no exception as for many in the county horse-back riding and showing has become either a very pleasant hobby or a way of life.

Noting the interest many young people showed toward riding and showing horses, 4-H leaders in the County began including horse projects in their clubs a number of years ago. Today in Lancaster County there are over 200 4-H Horse Club members distributed into eight separate clubs including the Silver Spurs, Boots and Saddles, Sequoia Riders, Conestoga Crusaders, Broken Bit, Bit and Bradoon, Rough Riders and Saddle Cinches.

Each club is made up of young people from the ages of 9-19 and is manned by several leaders who have either had training in horsemanship or practice it as



Mrs. Joseph Gochnauer (left) Chairman for the first annual 4-H Horse Recognition Banquet, discusses one of her daughter's many trophies. Mrs. Gochnauer is a leader for the Silver Spurs 4-H Horse Club.

a profession. Although the youth are in separate clubs, they learn much the same ideas and receive instruction in horsemanship, training and showing horses and even learn health care and proper management.

The youngsters not only compete in riding events but participate in all 4-H events including demonstrations and county activities.

Many of the clubs seek outside help for educational programs that include speakers on health care and demonstrations and clinics. Jay Irwin, Associate County Agent and 4-H director for the Horse Clubs explained the situation.

"We have had excellent response from the people not directly involved in 4-H work for our horse clubs."

Mrs. Charles Risser, a leader in the Broken Bit Club, reinforced that idea. She explained that members of the community realize the importance that the 4-H Horse Clubs place on individual responsibility and respect the 4-H riders often giving them privilege to cross their land for rides.

Many of the other leaders echoed the same feelings, stating that people in the

area had shown a general interest and concern for the young people and often offered their help.

As always however, not all residents were happy with young horsemen in the area as evidenced in a talk with Mrs. Nancy Jenkins, a leader in the Conestoga Crusaders.

"Although most people

were kind about us riding, some were concerned that their land might get hurt", she explained.

"But, many people just weren't interested enough to make any comments."

When asked what the main purpose of the 4-H Horse Clubs was, many of the leaders responded in a like manner.



Don Buck (right), representing Agri Inc., of Ephrata receives an award for having an outstanding power choring dealership from Art Caustens at the annual Jamesway Meeting held in Carlisle recently.

Agri Receives Award

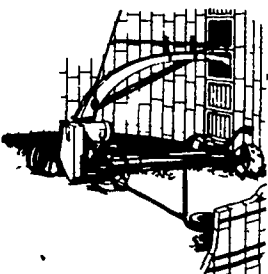
Agri Inc., Ephrata, Pennsylvania was named Outstanding Power Choring Dealer at the Annual Jamesway Dealer Sales Meeting held recently at the Quality Motel, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Don Bucks representing the dealership, received a recognition plaque for outstanding sales and service from Art Carstens, Marketing Manager.

Dealers were commended for outstanding sales of the Jamesway Volumatic-II silage distributor-unloader and the Volume-Belt cattle feeder.

Power Choring products for the farm market made by the Jamesway Division of Butler Manufacturing Company, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, include silage distributor-unloaders, cattle feeders, barn cleaners, barn equipment, and All-Season ventilation systems.

PATZ SILO UNLOADER



handles
all types of silage!
with four sizes — 12' to 16', 16' to 20', 20' to 24' and the BIG ones 24' to 30' in diameter!

See your PATZ Dealer today
CALL 717-272 0871

MARVIN J. HORST

Dairy Equipment and
Amana Appliances
R.D. No. 1 (Iona)
Lebanon, Pa.

Located on Route 897 between
Schaefferstown and Lebanon,
over 30 years in business at
same place.

Mrs. Rose Fellenbaum, a leader of the Sequoia Riders, explained it in this manner, "the horse clubs bring together young people who are interested in horses."

"We try to promote good riding and try to teach members correct methods in riding."

Nancy Jenkins from the Conestoga group explained it in somewhat different manner.

"So many of the children in this area had ponies that were just standing in the barn and fields because they were afraid of them and did not know how to ride."

"We thought it would be good to teach them the correct riding methods and how to properly care for their animals."

"The children work hard every day, because they know that something is depending on them," Mrs. Joseph Gochnauer, leader in the Silver Spurs Club stated.

"Horse Clubs teach youngsters responsibility and how to care and properly manage animals," she added.

Along with teaching the youngsters responsibility, and how to care for their horse properly, the horse clubs offer the opportunity for competitive activities encourages sportsmanship as well as self-development.

As in any 4-H club, a great deal of the work and planning depends on the leaders and teen leaders. Many of the leaders have shown their interest by serving for many years some recording over

12 years of work in the 4-H Horse Clubs.

And although many confess that it takes "conditioning" for 3-day trail rides and humor when called on to sleep in sleeping bags and eat food cooked over the coals, most of the leaders agree that it is well worth their time and efforts.

On December 7th, the 4-H Horse Clubs of the county will hold their first annual recognition banquet at the Farm and Home Center.

Mrs. Joseph Gochnauer, the program chairman, explained how the banquet came into being.

"We were interested in recognizing those young people, parents and leaders how they had been active in the County horse clubs."

"The leaders from all the clubs decided to have a recognition banquet honoring the members and leaders who contributed to the program throughout the year."

Jay Irwin further explained the program by relating that it will be the first time that many young people from the different clubs will be recognized for their activities.

"We are planning awards that include perfect attendance, outstanding teen leadership and first year member achievement."

The banquet will be held at the Farm and Home Center. Master of Ceremonies for the event will be James Gallagher, the extension horse specialist from Penn State.

Knock out herd health problems before the weigh in.



* TRAMISOL in feed knocks out four major lung and intestinal worms

* AUREO SP 250 fights disease, rhinitis, scours and cervical abscesses.

A healthier animal weighs in heavier everytime.

Call us today for information about our WORM 'N GERM Program.



STEVENS FEED MILL, INC.
Stevens, Pa.
Ph: 215-267-2150
or 717-733-2153

MARTIN'S MANUFACTURING CO.

Custom Made

- FREE STALLS
- BARNYARD FENCES
- SILAGE CARTS in stock
- PIPE GATES 6 ft. to 16 ft. (every 6") in stock

MARTIN'S MANUFACTURING CO.

DISTRIBUTOR OF CENTRAL TRACTOR PARTS CO.

R.D.3 Myerstown Phone (717) 933-4151

TAKE RT 645 - 3 MILES NORTH OF MYERSTOWN FOLLOW DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

ALLIS-CHALMERS MANURE SPREADERS

281 spreader with optional pan attachment

299 spreader with optional rear endgate

THE WORD'S SPREADING - with 281 or 299 spreaders that work well with tractor loaders or barn cleaners - team with equipment you already have.

BLANKET COVERAGE - comes with the 14 big, buzz saw paddles that rip, shred and spread the load.

- Husky Tongue and Undercarriage
- Box combines steel for strength... wood for durability.
- Rugged drive and gear box.
- Aggressive, self-cleaning paddles.
- Four spreading rates.
- Low loading height.

Nissley Farm Service
Washington Boro, Pa.

L. H. Brubaker
Lancaster, Pa.

Roy H. Buch, Inc.
Ephrata, R.D.2

Grumelli Farm Service
Quarryville, Pa.

BHM Farm Equipment, Inc.
Annville, R.D.1, Pa.

ALLIS-CHALMERS