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Penn State Block and Bridle Club

NOTES FROM THE PENN STATE BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB

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Science, and the readership of Lancaster Farming.

August marked the beginning of another academic year at Penn State and the return of students to "Happy Valley". The Block and Bridle meeting year began with a fun-filled student/faculty mixer to welcome new students and to reacquaint with the old.

The club meets on alternate Thursdays (beginning with the Aug. 24 meeting) throughout the semester in 101 Agricultural Sciences and Industries Building at 7 p.m.

The new Executive Committee

met immediately before the mixer to discuss plans for the upcoming year. This year's Executive Committee includes president, Daryl Bomgardner (Sr., Annville, D&ASC); vice-president, Floyd Wise (Jr., Jacobus, D&ASC); recording secretary, Marci Myers (Jr., Hinckley, OH, D&ASC); corresponding secretary, Jen Garman (Jr., Aaronsburg, D&ASC); treasurer, Bill Stoffregen (Jr., Schuylkill Haven, D&ASC); and marshal, Jeff Bissett (Jr., Bethel Park, D&ASC).

The members of B&B were sorry to see Dr. Ron Kensinger step down as co-adviser after two years of service, but were grateful for the time he dedicated to the club's activities and endeavors. In his place to serve as the third co-adviser to B&B, the club welcomed Dr. Ken Kephart. Dr. Kephart joins Dr. Ed Mills and Keith Bryan as the co-advising trio for the club.

Although fall semester is considerably less hectic than spring semester, the month of September is a busy one for the club. September started off with a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 7, where initial committee reports were given and the general membership was made aware of several upcoming social events, including the annual fall picnic (Sept. 10), broomball (Sept. 12), Ag Hill Olympics (Sept. 23), and the Department of Dairy and Animal Science picnic that follows the Olympics.

Plans are under way for club members to attend the 76th annual National Block and Bridle Club Meeting in Louisville, Ky., from Nov. 9-12. This year's national meeting will be hosted by the University of Kentucky and will be held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition.

October also will prove to be an exciting month in Happy Valley. On Saturday, Oct. 5, B&B members will pack themselves in a University maxivan and travel to Harrisburg to assist with the livestock judging contest at the 38th Annual Keystone International Livestock Exposition. On Friday, Oct. 13, a few B&B members who work at the barns will assist with the Animal Management Workshop for Youth that features programs on dairy cattle, sheep, and horses.

Lastly, a few members of the Executive Committee will discuss B&B programs and undergraduate student life with juniors and seniors in high school who will be on campus for the annual Department of Dairy and Animal Science Open House for Prospective Students on Saturday, Oct. 21.

The club will be having a Halloween Party in October, but the particulars have not been finalized and will be announced at a later date.

For more information concerning activities of the Penn State Block and Bridle Club, contact Keith Bryan at (814) 863-0569.

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The Larry and Roger Dice families are sponsoring this educational event in cooperation with

Franklin County Cooperative Extension and numerous agribusiness firms and agencies.

According to Extension Agent Philip Wagner, those attending will see two new open front free stall barns for 75 cows each, a new milking center, and double 8 herringbone parlor, a new 48 foot by 34 foot hospital barn, plus much more.

At 11 a.m., the Dice's and Dan McFarland, Penn State regional extension agricultural engineer, will be making some comments on the facilities.

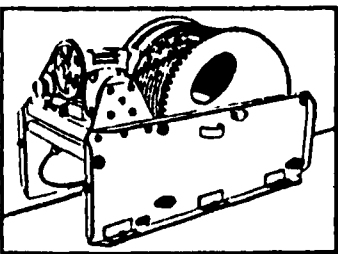
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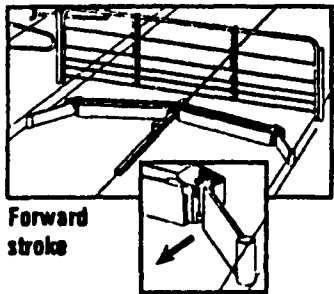
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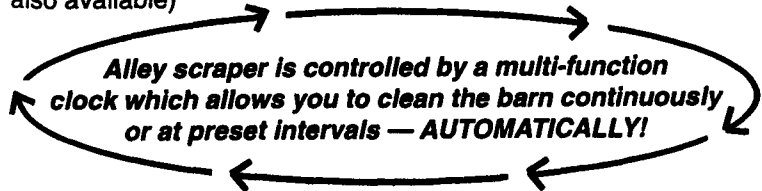
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