



BROKEN ARROW ROUND-UP CLUB

“HOOF BEATS” Newsletter

December, 2011

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Wow, hard to believe it's already Christmas, and New Year's Day so close after. Where has this year gone? It seems to have slipped by while I wasn't watching. I've been told it's one of those "getting old" things... gggrrrrrrrr.

Broken Arrow Round-Up Club had a good year with many successful and enjoyable activities. We had good sponsors, good participation at our events, and an amazing year end awards banquet. Thanks to everyone who mowed, moved barrels, announced, kept times, watered and dragged, cooked, cleaned, checked Coggins and all those (seemingly) 100's of jobs that have to be done to keep our facility looking so nice and running so well. You are VERY appreciated!

Thanks also to all our participants this year, for hauling your horses out even when it's cold or hot, wet or dry, for helping in the arena and lead-lining the little ones. Without you, we wouldn't have much to be there for.

Since the last newsletter there have been a few changes. A number of by-laws amendments were approved by the membership at the November meeting, and we have two new board members who were elected in October – Beverly Pyron is our Sgt.-at-Arms and Brandon Wren is the new Arena Director. The updated bylaws have been published on the website. Please review them, and call a board member if you have any questions. The changes affect work requirements, cash disbursements, eligibility to vote, club rules and expectations and arena rental.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! See you at the January meeting!

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It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our dear friend Amelie Stiles who passed away Friday, Dec. 9th after a long battle with emphysema. Amelie had been the club treasurer, newscaster, planner, playday announcer, and everything in between for more than 25 years. She was the rock we turned to for guidance and information through the years. It seemed she knew everybody in town that had anything to do with horses and rodeos. Amelie was loved by all who knew her, and we will miss her dearly. The Broken Arrow Round-Up Club won't be the same without her.



Other News & Announcements

Next General Meeting – Thursday, January 12, 2012 at Sports Page Restaurant in Coweta. Eat at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm. Please come! We need your input, your suggestions and your opinions. This is where all the decisions are made that affect your club all year, and we need your help with these.

Board Meeting – Wednesday, Dec. 28, 6:30 pm at Sports Page Restaurant in Coweta. Activities, expected income / expenditures and other matters will be discussed.

Wade Findley, a long-time member of the club, celebrated his 78th birthday on Dec. 18. Happy Birthday, Wade, and hope your day was great one!

Casey Zane's dad, John, was in a motorcycle accident last week. After being struck by a school bus (yes, a school bus!), his pelvis, right lower leg and left femur are broken, and a few ribs are cracked. He's had 4 surgeries, and has probably 2 to go, including a skin graft to repair road rash on his left knee. Despite not having his helmet on, he only has a small bump on that hard head of his. We think he was working his guardian angel overtime that day, and we're sure glad she was there! He's in Saint Francis at 61st & Yale.

Tina Schmidlein is now handling updates to our website and can also post to our FaceBook page. If you have news that needs to be posted, please get it to Tina or to Denise. Thanks, Tina!

BARUC / Rooster Days Rodeo was honored at the American Cowboys Rodeo Association (ACRA) awards banquet on Dec. 8, being voted by the contestants as Best New Rodeo 2011. This was our first year with ACRA as first sanction, and we appreciate the contestants, sponsors, stock contractor and club members that made this honor possible!



In addition, G Money Rodeo Company received several awards, including Bareback Horse of the Year and Bareback Horse of the Finals, Bull of the Finals, Tie-Down Calves of the Year and Breakaway Calves of the Year. Congratulations to Steve and his crew! Great Job!!



Feed A Horse Like A Horse... All Night Long:

Dr Getty explains why

True or false? Horses don't need as much hay during the night because they sleep.

False, and dangerous. Equine nutrition expert Dr. Juliet Getty frequently has to bust this myth. Believe the facts:

- Horses are awake and moving most of the time.
- Mature horses will sleep up to two hours per day, broken into short periods.
- These 15 to 20 minute naps are intermittent throughout the day and night.

In other words, horses do not sleep for long periods of time the way humans and some other animals do. Being prey animals, horses must get their sleep in frequent breaks of short duration, ideally in a group situation where some take turns resting while others remain alert for dangers.

One more fact to keep in mind:

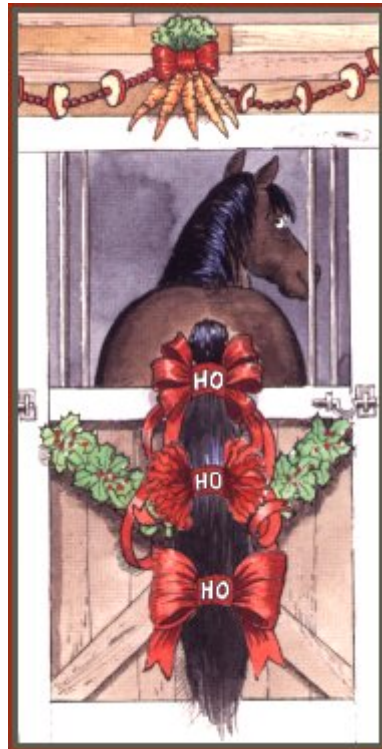
- The horse's digestion is designed to process food continuously.

Horses are trickle feeders, designed to graze continuously to keep the digestive system functioning normally, thereby preventing ulcers and colic. Feeding them in sync with their natural instincts and physiology requires that they have forage available any time they want it. ***And that means 24/7.***

The solution is simple: Feed enough hay at night to make certain there is some left over in the morning. If your horse runs out of hay and you wake to find him kicking and pawing, he is hungry. But even if he seems to be waiting patiently, he is in discomfort or outright pain due to the acid bathing his empty stomach. Certainly, he is also mentally stressed; this stress can lead to a multitude of health problems (including, ironically, persistent overweight).

Ease your horse's discomfort (and keep his digestion healthy) by giving him more hay than he could possibly eat. Once he realizes the supply will never run out, he will self-regulate and actually begin to eat less because he has relaxed, both physically and emotionally. And you can sleep better, knowing that all night long your horse is eating just the way he was meant to—like a horse.

Dr. Juliet Getty has taught and consulted on equine nutrition for more than 20 years. Her website, www.gettyequinenutrition.com, offers a library of helpful articles, a forum on nutrition, and a calendar of appearances, teleconferences and interviews. Dr. Getty's comprehensive reference book, *Feed Your Horse Like A Horse: Optimizing your horse's nutrition for a lifetime of vibrant health*, is available in hardcover and CD-ROM (pdf file) through her website or at Amazon.com. Dr. Getty offers a free (and popular) monthly e-newsletter, "Forage for Thought"; sign up through the website.



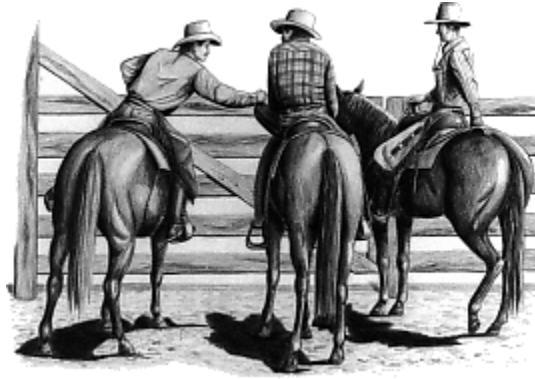


This is Gayfields Speedy Getaway, owned by Pyron Ranch Welsh Ponies. He is a 2 year old registered Welsh stallion. He will stand at stud in the spring at Pyron Ranch in Broken Arrow to ponies 14 hands and smaller. Stud fee \$500. Mare care \$4.00 per day. If you want a quality pony foal, call Beverly at 918-697-8334.



Speedy won the 2 year old stallion class in September, 2011 at the Central National Welsh Pony Show in Tulsa.

WHAT YA GOT FOR SALE?



This pretty lady is Sheridan. She's a mix of something, we're not sure what, but her body kind of looks like greyhound or whippet. She's about 2 years old, and is a beautiful black and brown brindle with a white throat and chest, and the cleanest white feet you've ever seen. She's very loving and, as you can see from the photo below, gets along with everyone (the blonde dog is a 90 pound pit bull who is the top dog, and the cat rules everybody). She was rescued during a terrible thunderstorm in the middle of 51st and Sheridan and now needs a loving home where she can lavish all her attention on someone who will cuddle with her and make her feel very special. Call Cindy Hailey at 539-664-3478.



If you have anything you want in the newsletter, e-mail it to Beverly bpyron@hughes.net. Or call 697-8334.

Your items need to be in by the 15th of the month so there's time to get them into the newsletter.

*Have a wonderful Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



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