

February 2010

# The OBR Voice



Outback Riders of Wisconsin – Oconto County

## First Things, First!



The Outback Riders Horse Club would like to **WELCOME** our New Members: **Barb & Joe Braun** from Pulaski and **Patti & Don Eisenreich** from Seymour!

### Interesting OBR Fact

2009

64 Memberships  
104 Members

2010 (as of Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>)

41 Memberships  
74 Members

### TAIL RUBBING?

A horse's tail punctuates his beauty and elegance with its carriage, thickness, and gloss. Owners go to great lengths to keep their horses' tails pristine. So, when a horse rubs his tail into a frayed or hairless mess, there is motivation to get to the bottom of the problem as quickly as possible.

Seasonal tail rubbing is often a result of a hypersensitivity response to certain insects. The most common insects to cause tail rubbing are the *Culicoides* gnats; also referred to as "sweet itch". In severe cases, itching is not just confined to the tail; the horse also rubs mane, neck, and chest in response to the systemic reaction generated by gnat bites

*To be continued...*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cathy Hansen

Gwen Kanies

Roy Lindemann

Tammy Wichmann

Patty Wisneski

## February 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Jackie Novitski - 28 members attended.

### NEW Business

#### OPEN POSITIONS

President & Secretary, are open for 2010, as well as (5) Board of Directors. The election will be held at the March Meeting.

Amanda Bornfleth will continue as OBR's Web Master. Thank you to Tammy Wichmann who has volunteered to finish 2010 as Sergeant of Arms for Roy.

**Treasurer Report** by Cindy Couillard.

Balance as of 02/15/10  
\$3226.68

#### 2009 OBR Expenses

Fun Team	\$636
Trail Team	\$1134
Show Team	\$1892
Admin	\$1599
TOTAL	\$5261

#### 2009 OBR Profit

Raffle	\$1366
Donations	\$830
Membership	\$1095
Show	\$1260
TOTAL	\$4551

THANK YOU to Louise & Tom Blankenheim from Oconto - **\$75 Trail Donation.**

THANK YOU to Tom & Cathy Bornfleth- **\$30 Team Supplies Donation**

Winter Round-up:	
Expenses	\$804
Tickets Sold	\$247
TOTAL Cost	\$557



**IN PURSUIT OF PROGRESS**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Trail Cleaning

April 24, 2010

May 1, 2010

Meet at the OBR Trail Head

9am Rain or Shine

*Please make the Trail Team aware of any areas that need special attention!*

Gwen Kanies is the keeper of the Outback Riders Scrapbook.

If you have photos, articles or funnies to add for 2009 Please contact: (920) 412-8870

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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Tom & Virginia Betts

*54 years!*

OBR has established teams to help structure and document club happenings. We hope to encourage participation of all club members to join a team. Not only will you earn club hours- you'll be directly involved in OBR's success!

**DONATIONS TEAM**

*Team Leader Glenn*

A written request for donation has been presented to the club.

County Kids Therapeutic Riding Facility is having their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Booyah Bash, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Riverside Ballroom. The club has voted "All in Favor" to donate \$100 and advertise the event details on our website.

**FUN TEAM**

*Co-Team Leaders Carrie and Patty*

Fun Team met 2/2/10 at Patty's – 7 attendees

The team discussed the club Open House. Rain or Shine the event will be held either June 19<sup>th</sup> or June 12<sup>th</sup> – date not yet confirmed. The event will be a Pig Roast with an approved budget set at \$610.

A Guided Trail Ride will begin at 10 am with the meal to follow at 1 pm. Gary VanRoy will be asked to Host the event.

**Fun, Food & Foolishness Day**

will be July 18<sup>th</sup> This event will be for *members only* and be held at Folkman Ranch. *More details to come...*

Make your calendars for August 20-22 for the **OBR Camp Out** at 9-Mile Resort, Marathon County

**NEXT FUN TEAM MEETING 3/09/10 at Gwen's 7pm**

The team has proposed an **OBR Riding Program** to recognize the hours spent on the trails be our members.

Your completed trail hours log must be turned in by the November meeting. All member recognition will be announced at the Winter Round-up!

**PARADE TEAM**

*Co-Team Leader Gail*

Oconto June 12<sup>th</sup>  
Suamico June 20<sup>th</sup>

Both the above parades are currently included in the club insurance policy. Each event costs \$150

For OBR to sponsor a parade at least 6 riders and 1 horse apple scooper must attend.

Please make Gail aware of your interest in the insured parades.

**RAFFLE TEAM**

*Team Leader Tammy*

Raffle Team met 1/26/10 at Tammy's – 4 attendees

The team will order 5000 raffle tickets. Selling (1) pack of 10 tickets equals (1) hour of volunteer time

The club voted "All in Favor" of changing the winning dollar amounts.

- (1) 500 (6) 100
- (2) 250 (6) 50

This change will provide more opportunities to win and more club profit.

**NEXT RAFFLE TEAM MEETING 2/23/10 at Tammy's 7 pm**

The 2010 Raffle Drawing will be held at Folkman Ranch, Annual Horse Show August 8<sup>th</sup> – 1pm

A discussion was also held about the possibility of having two club raffles for 2011.

**WINTER ROUND-UP**

*Team Leader: TBD*

## IN PURSUIT OF PROGRESS cont...

### SHOW TEAM

*Co-Team Leaders  
Alan and Gail*

Show Team met 1/26/10  
The 2 Day Annual Show  
to promote the  
Machickanee Trail  
System and encourage  
the youth of the  
community to get involved  
with OBR will be held  
**AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>!**

*"The youth are the future  
Outback Riders members"*

A budget was prepared  
and presented to the  
membership.

2010 Show Expenses:	
Awards	\$175
Judge	\$150
Advertising	\$200
Grounds Fee	\$200
Sanitation	\$165
Insurance	\$300
Admin	\$100
TOTAL	\$1290

*Entry fees will be raised to  
match other area shows*

Thank you **Judy** for  
volunteering to make the  
food booth a success!



A club sponsor booklet  
will be created this year to  
include the 2010 Trail  
Map and Show Bill.

The Sponsor Booklet will  
promote the trail system,  
show sponsors, club info  
etc... the book will pay for  
itself and bring in extra  
funds. It will be available  
at the club **Open House**  
and the **Annual Show!**

**A booklet sponsor form is  
included with this  
newsletter and is also  
available to print on the  
OBR website.**

The Show Team will be  
responsible for accounting  
each days show profit and  
expenses to be presented  
to the club for review and  
planning for 2011.

### TRAIL TEAM

*Team Leader Carol*

Trail Team met 2/4/10 at  
Patty's – 11 attendees.

**GRANT UPDATE:** the  
grant application was  
mailed to the WI State  
Horse Council 2/05/10,  
requesting funds for  
permanent maps and  
GPS coordinates.

**MAP UPDATE:** Carol and  
Amanda are working hard  
to update the OBR  
Machickanee Trails Map.

There will be a **master  
map** including all  
campsites, GPS  
coordinates and  
numbered intersections  
for trail maintenance.

The "revised" permanent  
map's design will not  
include campsites or  
numbered intersections.

These are the maps  
which will be integrated  
with the "You Are Here"  
stands after the trail grant  
is approved. They will  
also be available at the  
Information Center Kiosk  
and available to print via  
OBR website.

### TRAIL SIGNAGE ACTIONS

- \*\* remove orange tape  
and stickers from #22-#29  
and replace with pink
- \*\* remove mounting block  
and kiosk from ski parking  
lot to **Install** at the OBR  
Parking Lot, *placement to  
be determined.*
- \*\* remove tree down near  
OBR parking lot

### TRAIL GARBAGE ACTIONS

- \*\* Pick-up garbage at  
intersection #26 and #27

### TRAIL BRUSH ACTIONS

- \*\* clearing of the water  
trail at the narrow section  
was completed on 2/07/10

**NEXT TRAIL TEAM  
MEETING 3/09/10 at  
Carol's 6:30pm**

### MISC TRAIL ACTIONS

- \*\* Trail Cleaning Sign-up  
Forms will be available at  
the March & April Club  
Meetings
- \*\* get ATV passes from  
Oconto County
- \*\* please advise Carol of  
any trail maintenance  
needed by 4/14/10

*Who can attend the  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> Oconto  
County Meeting at  
8:30am -No ATV's,  
the ATV Club will be there  
to gain access to the OBR  
Trail System*



*Please be sure to  
contact Patty to order  
your club apparell!*

[www.celtichorse.net](http://www.celtichorse.net)



*Visit our members  
Scott & Lynn Glover  
Abrams, WI*



*and more...*



*Riding Season  
is just around  
the corner!*

Guess who my mom is?



**PROGRESS** cont..

**W**ELCOME TEAM

Team Leader Gwen

Welcome Team met 1/26/10 – 5 attendees

2010 membership details approved at the January club meeting:

Increased member participation will result in reaching our club's mission... *"create and maintain a public bridle path in Machickanee"*

\*\*6 hours of club or team meeting attendance  
\*\*12 hours of club events / trail maintenance / show participation

Hours will be logged by each team's coordinator

Family M = 36 hours  
Individual M = 18 hours  
\*\*18 / 36 hours of participation in 2010 will be rewarded with FREE meal ticket at the Annual Winter Roundup next year

\*\*Membership fees have not changed for several years. Administrative costs have increased along with economic inflation.

The team would like to discuss the following proposal at the March Meeting - The proposed membership fee schedule recognizes participated hours in 2010 and is rewarded in your 2011 membership fees.

\*\*Hours not pro-rated for membership fees.

\*\*All new members will pay the discounted fee the first calendar year. Once a member, participation hours will apply to determine next year's fees.

Discount Fee	(I) \$15
	(F) \$20
Regular Fee	(I) \$30
	(F) 40

\*\*Updated member phone listing will be published in March & September.

**NEXT WELCOME TEAM MEETING 03/09/10 at Gwen's 6:30pm**

OBR enrollment process

- \* Applications and fees will be forwarded to Cindy
- \* Cindy will forward a welcome email to the new members
- \* Gwen will manage the applications, birthday log, and birthday cards w/ coupons
- \* Amanda will manage the membership contact listing
- \* Gwen will make follow-up calls to the new members



**John Telford** is in need of round bales!

Please call 920.834.2576



Why is that horse blindfolded in the pasture?

Is Palomino a breed or color?

What is a foundation quarter horse?

Why is the triangular part of the hoof called a "frog"?

Horse Tranquilizers: Deadly to humans?

Why do most riders mount on the left side of a horse?

Why is my horse EATING MANURE?

What is a "taffy" horse?

What does horsepower have to do with horses?

Tacking Up: Saddle or Bridle first?

**Do You Know the ANSWERS?**

**Outback Riders**

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