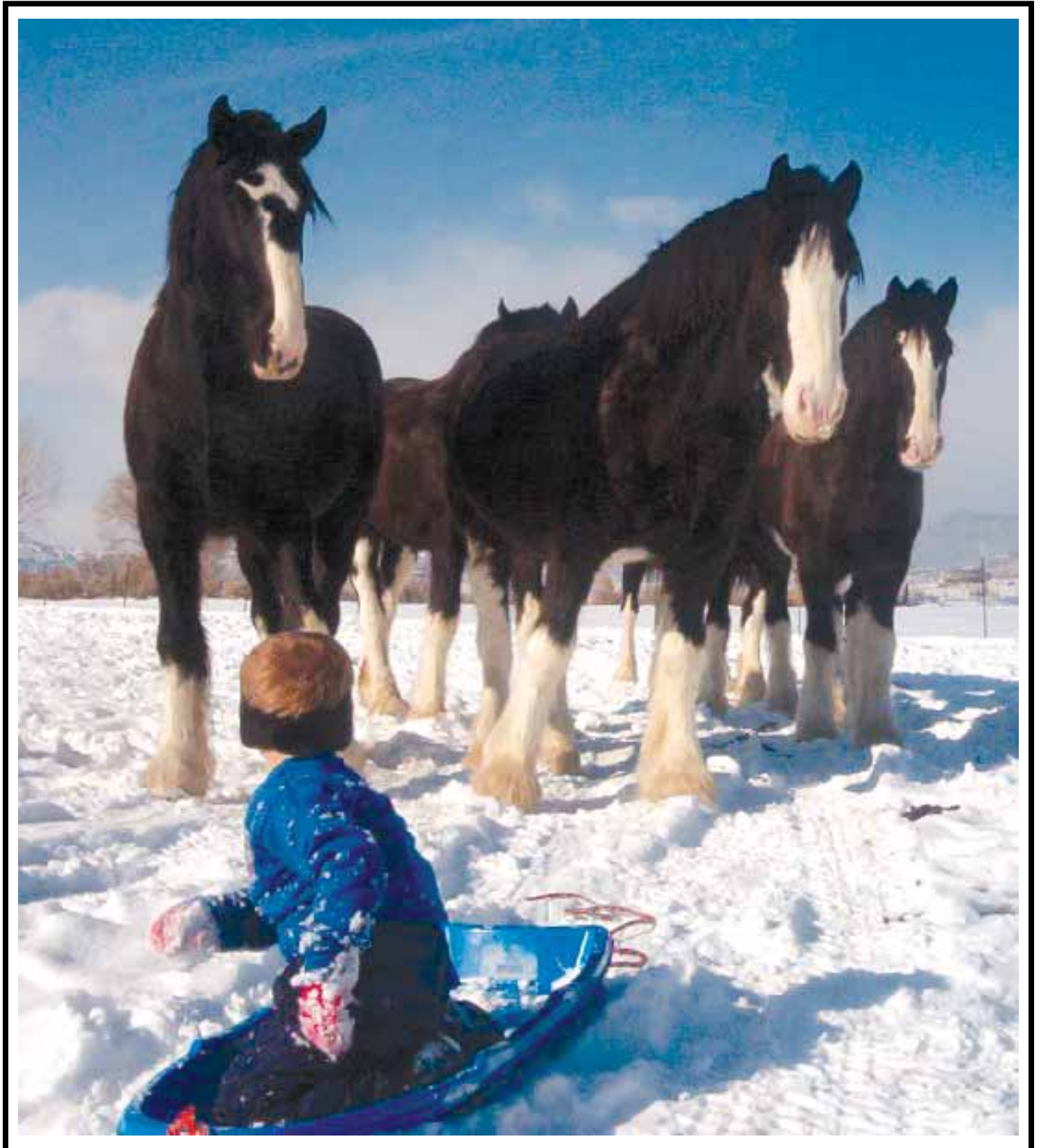


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AMERICAN SHIRE HORSE ASSOCIATION

~ Mission Statement ~

The mission of the American Shire Horse Association is to maintain the integrity of an accurate registry and to promote the Shire breed through excellence.

(Developed at the 2002 Annual Meeting)

ASHA Fee Schedule

ASHA MEMBERSHIP FEES	US Address	Foreign
Annual Membership <i>(until 12 / 31; for next year after 11 / 1)</i>	\$50	\$65
Two-Year Membership	\$90	\$120
Three-Year Membership	\$130	\$160
Annual Youth Membership <i>(Info & Website - No Vote / No Discounts)</i>	\$15	\$25
Friend of the Shire <i>(Info & Website - No Vote / No Discounts)</i>	\$25	\$40
Life Membership	\$800	\$1,000
Life Membership <i>(Annual Installments for 5 Years)</i>	\$175	\$215
Corporate Membership <i>(5 Year Membership)</i>	\$275	N/A

REGISTRATION FEES	Member	Non-Member
Fillies / Colts up to 6 / 1 of Yearling Year <i>(year after birth) *</i>	\$100	\$200
Fillies / Colts up to 6 / 1 of 2 Year Old Year *	\$200	\$400
Shire Mares / Stallions after 6 / 1 of 2 Year Old Year *	\$400	\$800
Geldings - Any Age *	\$100	\$200
Shire Sport Horses *	\$125	\$125
DNA Kit not with registration	\$40	\$80
Conversion of Blood Type to DNA **	\$40	N/A
ASHA Registration of Fully Registered SHS/CSHA/SHSA Horses <i>(will show same ownership as on foreign papers)</i>	\$100	\$200
DNA Filing SHS / CSHA Registered Horses	\$25	\$50
Transfer of Ownership	\$40	\$80
Transfer of Ownership within Family	\$10	N/A
Bulk Registration or Transfer <i>(submitted together)</i>	10% Discount / 3 or More	
Prefix Registration	\$50	N/A
Lease <i>(each time ASHA processes)</i>	\$40	\$80
Duplicate Papers <i>(replacement papers)</i>	\$40	\$80
5 - Generation Pedigrees	\$10 w/reg — \$20 separately	

* Includes DNA kit for horse being registered

** Conversion available to non-members in conjunction with SSHR registration (\$40)

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2018 Regular Quarterly Board Teleconference Schedule

First Quarter – January 9, 2018
 Second Quarter – April 10, 2018
 Third Quarter – July 10, 2018
 Fourth Quarter – October 9, 2018

Tentative agendas will be emailed to the membership about one week before the meetings.

Additional Board of Directors teleconferences may be scheduled if needed. Advance notice will be emailed to the membership if time permits.

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Issues	Mailing Due	Ad Copy Due
Winter	January 15	December 1
Spring	April 15	March 1
Summer	July 15	June 1
Fall	October 15	September 1

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR

President



★ ASHA has had a very smooth running year. I have traveled to some western / northwestern states visiting a number of breeders that used to be members. Because of certain management problems within our association, we have lost that close contact with them. We need to be aware of all geographical areas of the US that we serve and provide encouragement to all Shire breeders and enthusiasts to take part in this united effort.

★ Many committee chairs have really put their shoulder to the wheel and done well in mobilizing and utilizing their committee. This organization, like many others, depends on committees to gather information and have different points of view before the end result is attained. This year has proven the point that we need written guidelines for these committees to serve as guide to accomplish their task. This will be developed during 2018.

★ It appears that all shows saw encouragement in both quality and enthusiasm of exhibitors. The management and execution of all the shows was outstanding. The national show once again came through with good quality and participation and the show chairman did a great job of promoting and executing this show. Showing and participating takes lots of work and energy but we must get more members involved for this area to be a success.

★ Jenson Shires has been very busy putting up a new horse barn replacing the previous one that had been destroyed by a wind storm. We are anticipating the upcoming foaling and breeding season.

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A Message From Your **VICE PRESIDENT**

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we draw closer to the Associations' annual meeting in Tampa, Florida, I would like to take the time to invite you to attend.

This year the association made a decision to not do the traditional Education Day at our annual meeting. I know this may be a concern to some of our members not having paid speakers or visiting farms or other venues. However, I would like to assure you there is plenty for everyone to learn this year. We have a nice selection of presentations and speakers. Our main focus this year is to work on educating members on how the association operates and making the necessary updates to our continuity to keep the association current and moving forward. We will be looking at all our rules and by-laws as well as making sure we are staying up with the current times. This is a fantastic opportunity for all members to speak with their elected officials and provide their input on topics. I am truly looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Thank you,

Tom Greenlee

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LETTER

From the Editor

I can't believe we are concluding another year already. I have been fortunate enough to be the editor for a couple of years now and I still marvel at these absolutely beautiful Shires. I continue to learn all the time and I am amazed at the dedication given to the Shire breed.

Everyone's input on this newsletter is important, please feel free to share with us.

Thanks,

Janice

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*** Editor's statement: We will only print positive articles and editorials. Please make sure that any article you send to us is written in a positive manner and does not mention any other breeder, owner, horse, author in a negative manner. Thank you for adhering to these guidelines.*

From Your TREASURER

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all members. I apologize for my lack of communication this past year as your treasurer. I accepted the treasurer position to help the Association move in a financial direction that was sustainable and easily transferable in the future. It has taken me almost a full year to accomplish that goal. I would like to give you a snap shot view of where we were, where we are now, and where we would like to be going.

Over the last several years, ASHA has combined the treasurer position with the secretary position. We lost a treasurer, and in turn appointed another treasurer with an assistant treasurer to finish out the year. Unfortunately, we lost our most recent treasurer and beloved friend, Heinz Naef, before the end of the 2016 fiscal year. During the 2017 annual meeting, I was elected to the position of treasurer, confident that a willing spirit and modest experience as a small business owner and entrepreneur would assist my learning curve. Needless to say, sitting down at my desk for the first time after the annual meeting and opening ASHA books was a very daunting task. I immediately went to my accountant and said, "I need help!" She taught me what my job was! I used her services paid for by my business, not ASHA. Because I felt it was my responsibility to know what I had signed up for and I needed to learn. Fortunately our president, Clark Jenson, foresaw the need of a finance committee and we worked very closely to design what you will begin to see! My goal as treasurer is and has always been to make this position flow from one appointed treasurer to the next. It should not be difficult for the next treasurer to take over.

With the help of an accounting firm the secretary and treasurer will be guided each step of the way concerning the finances. With a professional accounting firm always on board, taxes, payroll, reconciling, budgets, etc., will always be handled and prepared in a professional manner. The accounting firm information is easily transferable, if a future board member wishes to hire a different company, the transfer should be quite smooth. The good news, to date, our accountant has found monies we owe members, corrected gaps in cooperate reporting (to maintain our 501(c)5 status), and has made savvy recommendations on usage/non-usage of the associations CDs. Additionally, the board has approved moving the ASHA accounts (checking and savings) to a nationally accessible bank and instituted a two-challenge rule for approval of all purchases. The two-challenge rule requires the secretary to validate all purchases with two identified members of the board. The bad news, the downside of having a full-time accountant backing the association is cost! I will be presenting the board with a proposal to hire an accountant for 1-year increments as we get the books healthy. The cost is \$250/month, or \$3,000 per year. This is a huge expense for an association that is worth a little more than \$50,000 and I would not be suggesting the expense if I didn't feel it was necessary to maintain the legitimacy of our association. Since our association is spread across the nation it is imperative that the business is set up to flow easily across state lines.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this information and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me. Remember to hug your Shires daily!

Thank you,

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2018 Show Schedule Preview

A full listing of all shows will be in the spring Bulletin when more details should be available. ASHA show locations for 2018 are as follows:

National Show:

Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, August 12 - 14.

Regional Shows:

East:

Ohio State Fair – Columbus, OH (early August)

Keystone International Livestock Exposition –
Harrisburg, PA (early October)
*(Keystone will start rotating with the Maine State Fair at
Skowhegan in 2018 as the 2nd eastern regional show.)*

Mountain:

Colorado State Fair – Pueblo, CO
(late August / Early September)



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— Draft Profit & Loss —

American Shire Horse Association

January 1 - November 30, 2017

	Jan. - Nov. 2017	Jan. - Dec. 2016
<u>INCOME</u>		
All-North-American	146.02	
Breeders' Brochure		3,780.00
Bulletin/Newsletter	1,590.00	825.00
Contributions/Donations		10.00
Education Day Proceeds	990.00	1,245.00
Equine Affaire & Promotional	1,162.50	1,950.48
Horse Show Income	3,685.00	2,033.00
Interest Income	137.46	147.63
Membership Dues	7,985.00	10,950.00
Merchandise Sales	1,433.35	1,039.60
Raffle Sale Proceeds	1,230.33	1,254.53
Registry Income	18,305.00	23,470.00
Uncategorized Income		130.00
Total Income	<u>\$36,664.66</u>	<u>\$46,835.24</u>
Cost of Goods Sold		
GROSS PROFIT	<u>\$36,664.66</u>	<u>\$46,835.24</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Advertising	1,062.08	5,128.89
All-North-American Contest	4,067.76	652.35
Bank Charges	1,403.40	955.48
Board Expenses	369.27	574.82
Dues & Subscriptions	885.00	200.00
Education Day Cost	1,086.11	1,233.07
Horse Show Costs	162.90	3,771.47
Insurance	1,221.34	1,083.07
Legal & Professional Fees	55.00	10.00
Mailings to Members	7,106.19	7,540.25
Meals & Entertainment	(68.32)	
Merchandise Product Cost	169.79	409.23
Merchandise Sales Tax		19.56
Office Expenses & Supplies	960.87	1,061.17
Payroll Expenses	11,306.46	10,316.23
Postage	297.15	602.01
Promotional	1,560.00	2,513.24
Registry Expenses	6,508.80	4,413.23
Telephone Expense	583.15	639.84
Transition	249.02	429.62
Travel	604.60	
Website & Studbook Hosting	1,315.00	105.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$40,905.57</u>	<u>\$41,658.53</u>
Net Income	<u>(\$4,240.91)</u>	<u>\$5,176.71</u>

— DRAFT Balance Sheet —

American Shire Horse Association

11/30/2017 vs. 12/31/2016

	As of 11/30/2017	As of 12/31/2016
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts:		
Alpine Bank Checking	4,919.91	12,638.12
Alpine CD 48500	6,009.13	6,006.16
Alpine CD 48502	1,296.90	1,296.26
Alpine Life Member CD 48497	12,917.25	12,788.26
Alpine Life Member MM	11,108.73	9,428.87
Wells Fargo Checking	1,664.84	
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$37,916.76</u>	<u>\$42,157.67</u>
Other Current Assets		
Credit Card Receivables		-120.00
Inventory	1,812.04	1,812.04
Undeposited Funds		135.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>1,812.04</u>	<u>\$1,827.04</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$39,728.80</u>	<u>\$43,984.71</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Payroll Liabilities	608.05	766.51
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>\$608.05</u>	<u>\$766.51</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>\$766.51</u>
Equity		
Retained Earnings	43,361.66	38,041.49
Net Income	(4,240.91)	5,176.71
Total Equity	<u>\$39,120.75</u>	<u>\$43,218.20</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$39,728.80</u>	<u>\$43,984.71</u>

ASHA EDUCATION DAY 2018

AMERICAN SHIRE HORSE ASSOCIATION * FEBRUARY 9-11, 2018

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!

Education Day and Members Meeting

The 2018 ASHA Annual Meeting and Education Day will be historic, not for the venue or the location, but for the shared understanding and continuity that will be accomplished. Come mingle with ASHA members and the Board of Directors as they forge the future of the association both in administrative tasks and committee duties. Enjoy warm winter days and Southern hospitality as we explore all that the association has to offer.

The Rules Committee will be leading discussion on the Genetic Expansion (i.e. Grading-Up) possibilities. The Media Committee will be presenting the launch of a new website. The Nominating Committee will be looking for active members to help organize the 2018 election of Board of Directors. The Promotional Committee will be presenting many exciting opportunities to brand and market the Shire during 2018. The Annual

Meeting locations for 2019 & 2020 will be discussed. A membership social will take place Friday evening. American Shire Horse Education Foundation (ASHEF) may hold a meeting during the weekend.

If this doesn't sound like your typical Education Day, you are exactly right. This Education Day will focus on the standardization and

COME FOR THE DAY,
MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE!

formalization of many functions the Association provides to our membership. That being said, some of our foremost Shire experts in the country will be guiding discussion and sharing insight on topics learned during a lifetime of experience. Also, the Board of Directors (BoD) will be on hand for one-on-one discussion of shared ideas and topics. The Annual BoD Meeting will convene on Sunday morning in the hotel conference room, members are always invited to stay for these proceedings.

ASHA Hotel Reservations – Ramada WestShore Tampa Airport

1200 North Westshore Blvd Tampa, Florida, 33607

Check in 3:00pm * Check out 11:00am

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Reservations 1-813-282-3636 (ext. 0)

Discounted Rate of \$92/night available until January 8, 2018

PLANNED EVENTS -

FEBRUARY 9, 2018

- **Breakfast (7 – 10 am)**
- **Lunch (11am – 3pm)**
- **Membership Social (3pm)**
 - Meet & Greet
- **Dinner (4 – 10 pm)**

PLANNED EVENTS -

FEBRUARY 10, 2018

- **Breakfast (7 – 8am)**
- **Ed Day (8am – UTC)**
 - Introduction
 - Secretary Topics
 - Committee Overview
- **Lunch (12pm)**
 - Ed Day Topics: Reproduction, Foaling, Nutrition & Showing
- **Members Meeting (3pm)**
 - President's Report
 - Lifetime Achievement Recognition
 - Member Comment Cards
- **Dinner (6pm)**

PLANNED EVENTS -

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

- **Breakfast (8-9am)**
- **Annual Meeting (9am – UTC)**
 - Roll Call
 - Annual Reports
 - Old Business
- **Lunch (12pm)**
 - New Business

December 17, 2017 * Annual Meeting Committee Chair – Jim Paulson cell: jcp@umn.edu

The Commercial Review

By Richard & Jan Forthofer



This article appeared in a local newspaper call The Commercial Review in Portland, Indiana.

We also had some of our Shires at the farm and garden show in Portland this summer and at the Catholic church for the blessing of pets.

We enjoy showing at some county fairs and the Ohio State Fair every year. We try to keep our Shires out in the public eye as much as possible.

2017 NATIONAL SHIRE SHOW CORRECTIONS TO PUBLISHED RESULTS

GROUP CLASSES

Produce of Dam (2 entries, 1 scratch)

1st Produce of *Dayspring Evie on Jenson's Diplomat Ebony and Jenson's Diplomat Emily* / Jenson Shires LLC

Get of Sire (1 entry)

1st *Deighton Royal Diplomat on Jenson's Diplomat Sandy, Destiny and Reba* / Jenson Shires LLC

RIDING / DRIVING CLASSES

Men's Cart - Shire (4 entries)

1st *Jenson's Diplomat Reba* / Raymond Helmuth / Jenson Shires LLC

Draft Horse Under Saddle - Western (4 entries)

1st *Loud Bridge Louis* / Megan Denny / Jenson Shires LLC

Our sincere apologies for the errors.



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American Shire Horse Association

The Education Day pre-registration will help the Annual Meeting Chair (Jim Paulson) know how many folks to plan for the 2018 Meeting. **Please list all personnel attending.**

Name (Member or New Member) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name (Member or New Member) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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Please make your reservation before January 8, 2018 for the best rate!

Merchandise Committee

By Karla Stoner

Draft Year End Report

Merchandise:

Total Merchandise Sales in 2017	\$1194.00
Postage to Ship Merchandise	(\$11.14)
Sales Tax to Massachusetts	(\$11.70)
	<i>sales at Equine Affaire</i>
Merchandise Purchases in 2017	(\$94.34)
Merchandise Inventory Value as of 12/31/2017	\$ TBD
	<i>(not available by publishing deadline)</i>
Merchandise Inventory Value as of 12/31/2016	\$1473.39

Merchandise sales in 2017 occurred at Horse Progress Days in PA, two equine affaires (OH and MA), and through a few member inquiries via email. Sales venues should be similar in 2018 and we will continue to explore new venues.

No further progress was made in 2017 on the member only, custom ASHA signs designed last year by Marc Jaffrey. This was due in part to the issues with the clarity of the horse head in the logo when it was enlarged for the sign, but also to limited personnel to follow up on these issues.

Merchandise ads have been running in the members newsletter as space permits. Ads have also run on the ASHA's website and there has been a slight increase in inquiries and sales from these ads. The new payment process for orders, initiated in the fall of 2016, has worked much better than the previous system. Members are invoiced for purchases and postage expenses from the office through Quick Books and they pay directly through that system. When Jan confirms payment, the merchandise is shipped.

2017 Troyer Cart Raffle

By Karla Stoner

The annual drawing for the cart took place at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) draft horse show on October 7th. The winning ticket was drawn by a member of the audience who was not a member of ASHA and had not purchased any tickets. Rae Tamashausky of New Jersey was the very happy winner of the cart. Raffle organizer Vicky McCaffrey contacted Rae with the details on ordering.

Cart raffle ticket sales at KILE totaled \$1,450.00 this year, (including \$110 in ticket sales at the 2017 annual meeting and \$25 in ticket sales at the 2017 Equine Affaire in OH). This total was slightly less than last year. Very special thanks go to Melissa & Geryl Wade, Lisa Graham, Charity & Tom Greenlee for selling tickets!! After deducting the cost of printing the tickets, \$1,260.00 was added to ASHA's bank account.

Dennis Troyer, has once again generously donated a cart for the 2018 raffle. 2018 raffle tickets are printed and sales started at the 2017 Equine Affaire in MA. Tickets are available at the Annual Meeting in February. Tickets will be sold until early October when the drawing will be held at KILE.



Royal Knight's Duke

By Missy Wade

This is Royal Knight's Duke of Bedford making his debut at a local horse pull with his Belgian partner, Don. Duke and Don pulled 5,500 pounds with little effort, but his owner stopped them at that weight. Duke has also been working in the woods logging, for his owner Blane Chaffin of Mountain View Logging and Farrier Service in Riner, Virginia.

Hall of Fame

By Karla Stoner

National Show Hall of Fame Project ~ 2017 Status

All available data on national show champions starting with 1968 has been entered and formatted into a working draft. A cover design, forward page and acknowledgments section have also been drafted. Pictures of national show trophies over the years have been added along with available information on trophy sponsors. Adding pictures of winners is ongoing and requests for photos from early winners is still in progress. A first showing of the working draft is planned for the 2018 annual meeting in Florida.



Introduction Of Shire History

By Missy Wade

History of the Shire Horse in America

Last newsletter you were asked that if you had any information on the history of our beloved Shire horse for you to please send in. President Jenson had expressed a desire to know more history of the Shire in America, and we are working to gather this information, so please forward any stories, newspaper articles, magazine articles, pictures, or information that you have so we can start compiling.

The book by Keith Chivers, *The Shire Horse - A History of the Breed, the Society, and the Men*, published in 1976, is currently the most up to date history of the Shire horse that we have at this time, but it only covers a very small time frame in American history when Keith writes, "Over the years of depression, the American Shire-breeders, such as there were of them, had become long-lost cousins. But in 1966, Roy Bird (Secretary of the Shire Horse Society) informed members, that "a farmer from the USA" who intended to visit England in July to search for a couple of Shires and for some acquaintance with breeders here." Keith also goes on to write that, "In 1972, Mr. Arlin Wareing was invited to the Shire Horse Society's Annual General Membership Meeting (AGM) to say what sort of animals the modern American Shire men chiefly wanted. His simple reply was that they required horses of real substance and size."

So what began in 1966, with the importation of his first stallion, Jim's Chieftain, a yearling black colt, became a long standing relationship between Mr. Wareing and British Shire breeders. This relationship has resulted in him traveling to England many, many times and importing well over 400 Shires for himself and others in

the USA. The great respect that the English have for Mr. Wareing is evident in the number of times he has been invited back to the AGM meetings over the years, and the presentation of the Sir Peter Crossman Long Service Award presented to him at last year's annual meeting, for 50 years of dedication to the Shire horse in England and the United States.

Mr. Wareing is not the only breeder that has traveled to England many times to import Shires for himself and others, there are several more, and we hope to discover all of this history as stories are sent in or we find them in other resources.

There has never been a book written about the history of the Shire Horse in America, but we are hoping to eventually change this, but it takes all of us to put this together. What matters is the legacy of Shire horses that we leave for the next generation, including the people that got the Shire to this point in America. Let's all do our part and please send in your information.

In the meantime, I am working with Mr. Wareing on his Shire history knowledge and have asked him to submit articles, with this being a continuation in each newsletter. I consider Mr. Wareing a historian on the Shire horse, but keep in mind; this is his opinion, and he has welcomed me to fact check his articles, which I will continue to do against the best information that is available.

Mr. Wareing and I are asking you to please give us your feedback, whether good, bad, or indifferent on these articles. Thank you.

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2018 Events Scheduled

January 11– March 2018 Online Equine Nutrition
May 26-27 Memorial Day Gaining Respect & Control
May 28 7 Mile Hampshires Open House & Sale
June 23-24 7 Mile Hampshires Lamb Camp
June 30-July 1 Gaining Respect & Control in the Saddle
July 7-8 Kids Horse Camp
Oct 27 Spooktacular Ground & Trail Ride Challenge
TBA Driving Clinic

2018 Foal Crop Will Be For Sale
7 Full Shire Foals & 2 Sport Horse Foals Expected
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The Foundation Starts Here

Shire History In America

By Arlin Wareing

Chapter 1, Part 1 - The Early Years

There are a lot of stories regarding the early beginnings of the Shire breed. By far the most complete and accurate comes from Keith Chivers' book, *The Shire Horse - A History of the Breed, the Society, and the Men*. Keith was commissioned by the Shire Horse Society in England to research and write the book. He and other historians set the date of 1066 as the beginning of the Shire breed. That really doesn't tell the full story and is also a little misleading. Some think the horses at that time were like the Shires of today; others think there was a gradual change and improvement, but in both of these cases, neither is true. Many factors and historical events have taken place since that time and even that date really means little. When and how this breed was developed doesn't change what they are today, however it does help us to understand how we got to this point. As an example I remember sitting in a pub in England, nearly 30 years ago, eating dinner with a group of Shire breeders when someone mentioned the Shire horse as being ridden by the knights of old. One of those present, a very intelligent and knowledgeable person said, "That did not happen." When questioned about his remarks he said, "The history of those days makes it impossible." So let's look at that history.

It is well accepted that the Shire horse dates back to the Horse of Flanders. Those horses were developed in an area known as Flanders, in the northeast part of what is now France and Belgium. The inhabitants were made up of various tribesmen and they had developed a heavy type of horse before the time of Christ. The Belgian horse is known to be a direct descendent of those horses. At one time Caesar occupied Europe including the Flanders region, and in 55 BC he invaded England taking with him some of those Flemish horses. After only a few miles inland he was driven back by the English, and upon returning to his ships in the harbor, he discovered that a storm had damaged several of them to the point of not being sea worthy. He returned to Europe in the remaining ships, but was limited in what he could take, thus leaving behind many of those Flemish horses and equipment. A year later in 54 BC he attacked England again, this time being more successful and moving further inland. He was met by a cavalry of 4,000 chariots, and again forced off the island. It wasn't until 43 AD that the Romans defeated the English, and ruled the country for the next 80 years. It is reasonable to believe over

the next thousand years, many horses from the mainland of Europe made their way into England, including more horses from Flanders. Chivers writes; the date 1066 as set by J. A. Frost, author of *The Shire Horse in Peace and War*, published in 1915, as the beginning of the Shire breed, was correct. Further saying, "The horses that pulled Boudicca's chariots have little to do with the case; nor need we concern ourselves with any others which were to be found in the land during the 1,005 years that passed between the death of the savage queen and the arrival of the invaders with their Spanish and Norman descrites, or heavy-war horses, on that autumn day in 1066." But he fails to say why.



Rockingham Castle.

In 732 AD the Muslim country of Arabia attacked France, which was Christian, with a large army on Arabian horses. At the Battle of Tours in northeast France near Flanders, the French army under the leadership of Charles Martell defeated the Arabian army, leaving a large number of those horses in the area, which Martell gave to the French farmers. These Arabian horses were immediately crossed with the Flemish horses, resulting in the creation of the Percheron breed. The date of 732 AD as being described as the beginning of the breed; many further claim they have been bred true since that time. We are all aware of the fact that there is Arabian blood in the Percheron; this is how it came about.

In 1066 the Frenchman William I the Conqueror invaded England with his army of men and horses. At the Battle of Hastings in southern England the English were defeated, and for the next 88 years a Frenchman sat on the English throne, with William I ruling for 21 of those years. He was a man with great power and the ability to sustain that power from anyone who may have threatened him. He starved the English people who would oppose him, and in order to stay alive, which many did not, the people ate everything they could find including cattle, horses, and even their dogs and cats. This would explain what Chivers failed to say, the truth being there were not enough of those early horses left to be considered a foundation of the Shire breed.

The horses brought by William I to England were in fact Percherons, and during the Norman Conquest some great Percheron stallions were imported, and if the knights in England rode heavy horses,

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Shire History In America *continued*

they were Percherons. These were the horses talked about in English history. Many of the old castles, whose ruins remain today, were originally built by William I, and were used as fortresses to control those areas. Many of those sites today are only piles of rubble, but others were remodeled over the years by ruling landlords, and have become historical sites, as with Rockingham Castle, the present site of the Shire Horse Society office. These remodeled castles and the surrounding areas were almost like mini countries, and it is from these holdings and others that we hear stories about the knights.



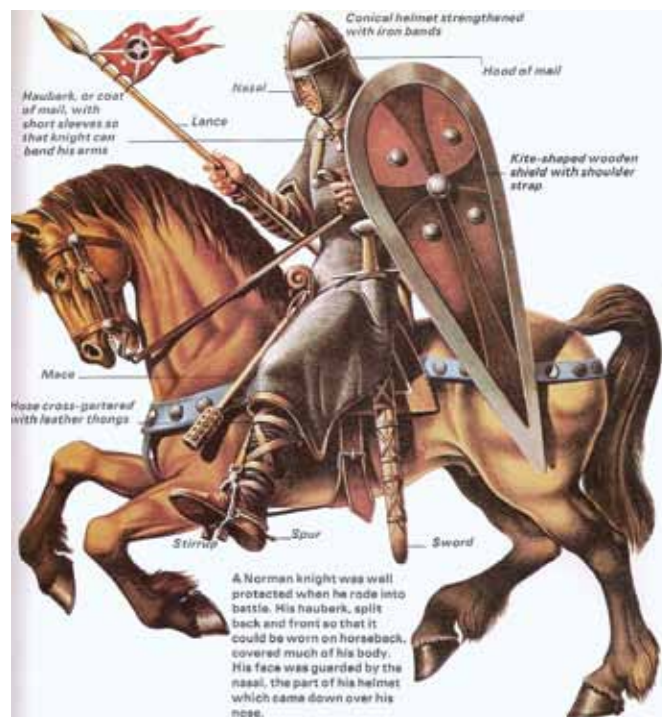
Huscarl gear - Battle of Hastings 1066.

The first knights began in about the third century. These knights were nothing more than soldiers who rode horses, much like our cavalry of the old west. But instead of riding to the battle and then firing guns at the enemy, which did not exist at the time, the knights would engage in hand to hand combat. These warriors wore protective gear, or armor that weighed about 20 pounds, and this armor needed to be as light and flexible as possible to allow mobility. In the years to come this type of warfare gave way to archers on foot that rained arrows on the enemy from a short distance, only then did the knights ride in to finish off their foe. Knighthood was more of a military rank, and they were less active and wore armor that weighed about 60 pounds. In a less military setting the knights were more of a policeman, working for their landlords who rode out and maintained control over the people. This rank or title began at a young age, and they were highly trained. Some of the landlords were good, thus their knights were good, but by in large knights were not the good guys, but mere bullies and downright nasty. The third group of knights was the jousters whose armor weighed about 110 pounds; and jousting was more of a sport made for entertainment. This knowledge about the knights dispels the idea that they rode giant sized horses that saved fair maidens from harm. The British and French were not big people, most were not much over 5 feet tall, and weighed around 150 pounds. Add 60 pounds for armor and about 70 pounds for horse armor and saddle; you then have a total weight of less than 300 pounds. Stories claiming knights and armor weighing 400 pounds and riding 2000 pound Shires has no more truth than Robin Hood and his merry men. Many present day riders with saddle would add up to 300 pounds, and they are riding on horses in the 1,000 pound range. Chivers said the horses in those early days weren't even horse size, but pony size. The big Low Country horses, as he referred to them, were the Norman horses or Percherons, at 1,200 to 1,300 pounds. They were used as we would use a draft horse today in the transport of goods. The widely known story of Henry VIII, who reigned from 1509 to 1547, requiring mares less than 14 hands and stallions less than 15 hands could no longer be bred had little effect, but it does point to the size of the horses at the time. The English and Scots were enemies for hundreds of years, but horses had traveled back and forth across the border the entire time, even though Henry VIII made a law against this exchange, it was not enforced. Henry VIII did have extreme power which opened the door ever so slightly, for a more unified England. A central authority meant less power and conflicts between the landlords, thus less need for knights. Historians claim the

day of the knights ended during this time period.

During the reign of Henry's daughter Elizabeth I, from 1558 to 1603, England made a great cultural change. This was the time of Shakespeare and other noted men. Unlike her father she ruled more like modern monarchs, and was the first queen to ride in a carriage behind horses. Her reign brought about unity throughout England and a move to world power. This created the need for the movement of goods from place to place. The castles and ruling families gave way to large estates and tenant farmers. The fens which previously could hardly support a few ponies began to be drained, and as the dry land appeared it became ideal horse country, bigger and better horses were required to fill the new needs of plowing and working this land. This bigger and better horse was the beginning of the Shire breed as we know them today.

James VI, son of Mary Queen of Scots, was King of Scotland during the time the childless Elizabeth I held the English throne. He formed an alliance with Elizabeth I and upon her death in 1603 became James I, King of England. With England and Scotland being united under James' leadership, the British Government started to take shape along with the Shire horse who now moved freely to and from Scotland. James I laid claim to being the first British King and this was the beginning of the British Empire which became a great world power for centuries to come. Chivers places 1635 as the true beginning of the Shire breed. It was the development of these horses that made Britain's great power possible.



Norman knight mounted.



2017 KEYSTONE INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION, HARRISBURG, PA

October 5 - 7, 2017

Halter Judge: Ryan Linquist, WI *Hitch Judges:* Aaron Freitag, IN & Ryan Linquist, WI

7 Exhibitors / 2 Youth / 5 States

18 Horses Entered / 16 Horses Exhibited *Halter and Hitch*

— HALTER CLASSES —

Registered Geldings, 2 years & under

- 1st Trail-Light Xenaphon / Todd Riedel / Trail-Light Farms, Seville, OH

Grand Champion Gelding

Trail-Light Xenaphon

Stallions, 1 & under 2

- 1st XS Heart Black Jasper / David & Kathy Spencer / Lovettsville, VA

Stallion Foal

- 1st RVF Buddy / Andrew Troyer / Millersburg, OH
 2nd Royal Knight's Honor's Sensation / Geryl & Melissa Wade / Royal Knight Shires, Bedford, VA

Junior Stallion Champion

RVF Buddy

Reserve Junior Stallion Champion

XS Heart Black Jasper

Grand Champion

RVF Buddy

Reserve Grand Champion

XS Heart Black Jasper

Best Shire Stallion Bred & Owned by Exhibitor

- 1st RVF Buddy / Andrew Troyer
 2nd XS Heart Black Jasper / David & Kathy Spencer
 3rd Royal Knight's Honor's Sensation / Geryl & Melissa Wade / Royal Knight Shires

Broodmare, 4 & over

- 1st RM's Holly Goes Lightly / Tom & Charity Greenlee / Greenlee Farms, LLC, Pine Grove, PA
 2nd Passage Creeks Honor The Memory / Geryl & Melissa Wade / Royal Knight Shires

Yeld Mare, 4 yrs & over

- 1st Hickory Hill Eleanor / Tom & Charity Greenlee
 2nd Shire Valley's Annabella / Tom & Charity Greenlee
 3rd XS Heart Black Pearl / Tom & Charity Greenlee

Senior Mare Champion

Hickory Hill Eleanor

Reserve Senior Mare Champion

Shire Valley's Annabella / Tom & Charity Greenlee

Mares, 2 yrs & under 3

- 1st Shire Valley's Gracie / JoAnne McAlister / Berlin, NJ
 2nd XS Heart Black Opal / David & Kathy Spencer

Mares, 1 yr & under 2

- 1st Illusion Farms Rustic Liberty / Emile Castonguay / Caldwell Farms, Turner, ME
 2nd RVF Julie / Andrew Troyer

Mare Foal

- 1st GFS Scotch Bottom Rock Star / Tom & Charity Greenlee

Junior Mare Champion

Illusion Farms Rustic Liberty

Reserve Junior Mare Champion

GFS Scotch Bottom Rock Star

Grand Champion Mare

Illusion Farms Rustic Liberty

Reserve Grand Champion Mare

GFS Scotch Bottom Rock Star

Best Shire Mare Bred & Owned by Exhibitor

- 1st Illusion Farms Rustic Liberty / Emile Castonguay
 2nd GFS Scotch Bottom Rock Star / Tom & Charity Greenlee
 3rd RVF Julie / Andrew Troyer

Best of Breed

Illusion Farms Rustic Liberty

— GROUP CLASSES —

Get of Sire

- 1st Get of Isles Field Danny Boy on Hickory Hill Eleanor & RM's Holly Goes Lightly / Tom & Charity Greenlee
 2nd Get of Forthofer's Radar on RVF Buddy & RVF Julie / Andrew Troyer
 3rd Get of Black Park Sensation on XS Heart Black Pearl & XS Heart Black Opal / Tom & Charity Greenlee
 4th Get of Black Park Sensation on Royal Knight's Honor's Sensation & XS Heart Black Jasper / Geryl & Melissa Wade with David & Kathy Spencer

Produce of Dam

- 1st Produce of Dayspring Gertie on Shire Valley's Annabella & Shire Valley's Gracie / Tom & Charity Greenlee with JoAnne McAlister
 2nd Produce of Royal View Park Bell on RVF Buddy & RVF Julie / Andrew Troyer
 3rd Produce of Royal View Lady Isabelle on XS Heart Black Pearl & XS Heart Black Opal / Tom & Charity Greenlee

Mare and Foal

- 1st RM's Holly goes Lightly & GFS Scotch Bottom Rock Star / Tom & Charity Greenlee
 2nd Passage Creeks Honor Their Memory & Royal Knight Honor's Sensation / Geryl & Melissa Wade

— PERFORMANCE CLASSES —

4-Horse Hitch- Reg. Mares (4)

- 4th Greenlee Farms / Tom Greenlee, Jr. / Greenlee Farms, Pine Grove, PA

Clyde/Shire Men's Cart

- 1st Hickory Hill Eleanor / Tom Greenlee, Jr.

Team Hitch – Reg. Mare – All breeds (3)

- 2nd Greenlee Farms / Tom Greenlee

Clyde /Shire – Team Hitch

- 1st Greenlee Farms / Charity Greenlee

Registered Mare Cart – All Breeds (4)

- 2nd Shire Valley Annabella / Tom Greenlee

Mares – Unicorn – All Breeds (2)

- 2nd Greenlee Farms / Tom Greenlee

Clyde/Shire Ladies Cart

- 1st Dangel's Dakota Faith / Charity Greenlee / Greenlee Farms
 2nd RM's Holly Goes Lightly / Melissa Wade / Greenlee Farms

Open 6-Horse Hitch – Mares (3)

- 3rd Greenlee Farms / Tom Greenlee

Adult English Riding – WTC (6)

- 2nd Shire Valley's Gracie / JoAnne McAlister / Berlin, NJ

All Breed Classic Series 6-Horse Hitch (11)

- 10th Greenlee Farms / Tom Greenlee

— YOUTH CLASSES —

Youth Showmanship 14 - 19 (8)

- 5th Brier Kicher / Cambridge Springs, PA

Youth Showmanship 8 - 13 (6)

- 2nd Alaina Reitz / Utica, PA

Youth Western Riding (3)

- 1st Brier Kicher / Cambridge Springs, PA

Youth Cart 8 - 13 (6)

- 2nd Alaina Reitz / Utica, PA



Best of Breed; Shire Illusion Farms / Rustic Liberty owned by Emile Castonguay.

2017 Year End Promotional Events Report

By Karla Stoner

Members reported representing Shires and ASHA / ASHEF at 21 events in 2017. Information on the breed, ASHA, ASHEF and the youth program was also sent out to four outside groups who requested it.

Alabama –

- Alabama Horse Fair (March) - breed and ASHA info for breed demo. New member Lauren Richards

Colorado (2) –

- Riverside Middle School Harvest Days / Kim Murchison
- Rifle Holiday Hometown Celebration / Kim Murchison

Iowa (2) –

- Iowa Horse Expo (April) – breed demos / Karen Krehlik & Bill Cox
- National Shire Show (August) – breed booth – ASHA/ASHEF / Karla Stoner

Massachusetts –

- Equine Affaire (November) - breed booth and breed demos / Karla Stoner, Vicky & Gene McCaffrey

Missouri –

- Shire demo for home schooled student group / Burt Stanley

Nebraska –

- The International Jumper Show (April) – Parade of Breeds / Jenson Shires

North Carolina (3) –

- Mother Earth News Fair, Stokes County Ag Fair / Dayla and Danae Kohler
- Horse-in Around Day (Sept) / Dayla and Danae Kohler
- Union County Saddle Club – Parade of Breeds (October) / Dayla and Danae Kohler

Ohio (5) –

- Equine Affaire (April) – ASHA/ASHEF / Riedel & Stoner
- 4 Hale Farm activities summer through fall, (including 2 field days and 2 weddings) / Todd & Emily Riedel

South Dakota –

- Black Hills Horse Expo, Rapid City (October) / Kimberly Julius

Pennsylvania (3) –

- Youth/novice draft horse clinic (May) / Tom & Charity Greenlee
- Horse Progress Days (July), Leola – ASHA/ASHEF / Karla Stoner, Tom & Charity Greenlee
- Keystone International Livestock Exposition (October) – breed booth ASHA/ASHEF / Karla Stoner

Wisconsin –

- Mid-West Horse Fair (April) – ASHA/ASHEF / Michelle and Scott McKinster and Judith Watland

Additionally, the following groups requested and were sent information on Shires for their equine educational activities:

Arizona –

- Arizona Draft Horse and Mule Association – breed & association info for booth at Roots-N-Boots Rodeo, Queen Creek, AZ

Missouri –

- YMCA Trout Lodge and Camp Lakewood Triangle Y Ranch – 200 youth campers

Nebraska –

- 4-H Hippology & Judging program – 30 4H'ers
- Pennsylvania – Farm open house and summer horse camps – McConnellsburg

The goal of increasing the number of equine promotional events attended, especially in the mid-west and west is still going well! Once again, many thanks to all the members who made the time to promote Shires to the public at these events.

Additionally, Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY and Wild Iris Farm in Bar Harbor, ME generously continue to hand out Shire Brochures to the public. These organizations see tens of thousands of tourists annually, many meeting Shires for the first time.

Many thanks to The American Shire Horse Educational Foundation, Inc. (ASHEF) for their continued funding of 50% of the expenses for breed booths at the Equine Affaires in OH and MA and at Horse Progress Days.

———— 2018 Plans ————

Since many of us who have been doing these events for decades are getting tired and need to step back, we need new people to step up and take over some of the regular events and / or help find new options for promoting the breed. Many of the 2017 events will be attended again in 2018, but the committee will be looking for more help with these events. Educational and promotional material on the breed, ASHA, the youth program and ASHEF are available to members at no charge for these types of activities. Contacts: Karla at bloomforge@peoplepc.com or our secretary Jan Baumgras.



Photo shared by Clark Jenson.



2017 COLORADO STATE FAIR REGIONAL SHIRE SHOW, PUEBLO, CO

September 1, 2017

Halter Judge: Bob Giles, FL

6 Exhibitors / 2 States

22 Horses Shown ↻ Halter and Hitch

Shire Filly Foal

- 1st MacKenzie Bijou /
MacKenzie Shires, Longmont, CO
- 2nd GBR Defender's High Hopes /
Kimberly Julius, Vale, SD

Shire 1 yr Old Filly

- 1st Tally Ho BK's Simone / MacKenzie Shires
- 2nd MacKenzie Gidget / Tally Ho Shires, Rifle, CO

Jr. Champion Mare

MacKenzie Bijou

Reserve Jr. Champion Mare

Tally Ho BK's Simone

Yeld Shire Mare, 3 yr & over

- 1st Oliver's Green Tree Blossom /
Vandi Mitchell, Longmont, CO

Grand Champion Senior Mare

Oliver's Green Tree Blossom

Grand Champion Mare

MacKenzie Bijou

Reserve Champion Mare

Tally Ho BK's Simone

Shire Stallion Foal

- 1st MacKenzie Emmet / Mackenzie Shires
- 2nd Tally Ho BK's Excaliber / Tally Ho Shires
- 3rd GBR Defenders Chrome Cassanova / Kimberly Julius
- 4th Tally Ho BK's Camden / Tally Ho Shires

Shire Yearling Stallion

- 1st Midnight's King Arthur of Meadowlark
Ranch / Kirk Mitchell, Longmont, CO

Grand Champion Jr. Stallion

MacKenzie Emmet

Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Stallion

Tally Ho BK's Excaliber

Shire Stallions, 3 & over

- 1st Black Forest Alfie's Grand Finale /
Jeff Bartko / Colorado Spgs, CO
- 2nd Tally Ho BK's King Francis / Tally Ho Shires

Grand Champion Senior Stallion

Black Forest Alfie's Grand Finale

Reserve Grand Champion Senior Stallion

Tally Ho BK's King Francis

Grand Champion Stallion

MacKenzie Emmet

Reserve Champion Stallion

Black Forest Alfie's Grand Finale

Shire Gelding 3 & under

- 1st Tally Ho BK's Liam / Norm Haubert, Ramah, CO

Shire Gelding 4 & over

- 1st Tally Ho BK's Tristan / Tally Ho Shires
- 2nd Tally Ho BK's Triple Platinum /
Victoria Hauser, Colorado Springs, CO

Grand Champion Shire Gelding

Tally Ho BK's Tristan

Reserve Champion Gelding

Tally Ho BK's Liam

Shire Stallion/Gelding Cart

- 1st Tally Ho Bentley / Kim Murchison
- 2nd Tally Ho BK's Triple Platinum / Victoria Hauser

Shire Ladies Cart

- 1st Tally Ho Bentley / Kim Murchison
- 2nd Tally Ho BK's Triple Platinum / Victoria Hauser

Shire Men's Cart(1)

- 1st Tally Ho Dickens / Shad Murchison

Shire Jr. Cart

- 1st Tally Ho BK's Triple Platinum / Alex Murchison
- 2nd Tally Ho Bentley / Kylie Dice, Silt, CO

Shire Team

- 1st Tristan-Ben / Kylie Dice, Tally Ho Shires
- 2nd Ben-Captain / Norman Yoder, MacKenzie Shires

Shire Junior Team

- 1st Ben-Captain / Evan MacKenzie, MacKenzie Shires
- 2nd Tristan-Ben / Alex Murchison, Tally Ho Shires

Shire 4-up

- 1st MacKenzie Shires
- 2nd Tally Ho Shires

Draft Horse Poles (10)

- 4th Tally Ho Bentley / Kylie Dice

Draft Horse Barrels (10)

- 3rd Tally Ho Bentley / Kylie Dice



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Photo shared by Kim Murchinson.



Photo shared by Jan Baumgras.

North Carolina Renaissance Festival

By Dayla Kay Kohler

Every year the North Carolina Renaissance Festival features many traveling performers. One demonstration in particular packs the stands for every performance; that crowd drawing performance is always The Jousters! One special participant was actually donated to the sport; Sir Sterling Elliott, a young Shire gelding.

When Elliott was originally purchased at the Dixie Draft Auction in Troutman, NC, his new owner, Elizabeth Clark, struggled getting Elliott to canter. She gave him to a friend; that friend was a part time



jouster. Soon the jouster realized that Elliott was more interested in grazing than running the joust rail. Then Matthew Mansour (owner/director of The Jousters) met Elliott and Matthew offered to take Elliott and work with him.

Elliott did not particularly enjoy the sport of jousting in the beginning. When asked to run the

joust rail, Elliott would stop, walk to the arena edge, and munch on grass. After some work, Matthew got Elliott to enjoy the

excitement of jousting. The roar of the crowd chanting, the elaborate armor, and the rush of the sport encouraged Elliott to start running the rail with fierce determination.

Today Elliott performs at 5 major Renaissance fairs per year: Phoenix, Arizona; Los Angeles, California; Chicago/Milwaukee, Wisconsin; New York, New York; and Charlotte, North Carolina. He is ridden by Matthew (stage name: Sir Maxmillian), Vince Todd, and Matthews children (whom also perform as jousters). And, while regular hot blooded horses can be pushed over during a solid strike of the wooden lance, Elliott cannot.

Recently, while in North Carolina, Elliott galloped onto the football field for the "Battle for the Bell" game between Kannapolis and Concord. The two rival teams and spectators all cheered as the galloping Elliott entered the field with a large Concord Spider impaled onto the wooden lance.

A Harley Davidson dealership recently needed a knight on horseback at their medieval event. Vince Todd took Elliott to the event and the two had an amazing time chilling with the Harley riders. He commented on how relaxed Elliott was for the photos while the Harley Davidson motorcycles buzzed around them.

Once again, the Shire has proven its versatility, stamina, and confidence in another arena, The joust arena. Be sure to check The Jousters schedule and make a point to see Elliott perform with all the other jousters in your area of the country!

I encourage you to **LIKE** The Jousters facebook page and support their efforts to increase the exposure of one of our endangered Shire representatives!



Photo shared by Kim Murchinson.



Photo shared by Kim Murchinson.



In Memory Of Jenson's Magnus Mastermind 2002-2017

By Missy Wade

Jenson's Magnus Mastermind or Mag as he was affectionately called was foaled on May 12, 2002 by Clark Jenson in Blair, Nebraska. His sire was the great Snelson Magnus and his dam was Fox Valley Serenity, out of Edingale Mascot. He had the beautiful prominent intelligent eyes of his sire and the sweetness of his mother.

He must have really been a looker, because Priscilla Craig of Passage Creek Shires in Virginia saw his baby picture in the ASHA 2002 newsletter and wrote Clark about purchasing him. Clark responded back that Mag was too promising to sell, and he wanted to keep him for his farm's use. Clark would later show Mag at the March 14, 2003 Nebraska Horse Expo Regional Shire Show, where Mag placed first in the 1 year and under stallion class, out of 2 entries.

In 2004 as Priscilla was looking to grow her Shire herd, she again contacted Clark about a different horse, and Clark told her at this time he had too many stallions, so she asked him again if he would sell her Mag, and he said "yes." So in September, Mag was headed to Virginia.

Priscilla did not have the time to take Mag to any ASHA shows, but would always show him at the Old Dominion Draft Horse Show sponsored by the Virginia Draft Horse & Mule Association. Mag was a good stallion, but Priscilla always said the judges liked her other stallion's hocks much better and Mag would always place 2nd to him. Not that Mag had bad hocks; he was just a lot larger and heavier boned. He seemed to not like being shown in

halter class, never got that show attitude and just wouldn't perform well for the judge. Priscilla thinks he just felt he had nothing to prove. He did perform for the cameras, and Mag participated in a commercial for a local Dodge dealership advertising Dodge Ram trucks. The camera liked him and he photographed well.

Mag was an exceptional stallion, he had an unusually kind and generous heart, more so than most Shires. He participated enthusiastically in whatever he was asked to do and he did it well, with the exception of showing. He was the classic working Shire, balanced and steady. When Shire breeders came to the farm to review Mag and the other stallion, Mag would impress them with his personality and sometimes persuade them to consider him instead.

The one thing that Mag did love was barrel racing, and he could barrel race like no other big horse his size. Standing at 18.2 hands, he was like a locomotive weaving around those barrels. He was too big to win against smaller more agile draft crosses in the barrel classes, but no other horse could beat his passion and his effort. It could have been that he loved to hear the cheers from the crowd as they encouraged him around those barrels.

He really loved people and parties, but I think mostly it was the people at the parties that he really loved. He was a crowd pleaser, and was always surrounded by people where ever he would go. Afternoon happy hour meant food and kids, laughing and conversation.

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In Memory Of Jenson's Magnus Mastermind *continued*

Mag was trained to ride and he loved to be ridden. He rode with a simple ring snaffle, something unique to many stallions of his size and strength. He especially loved the pretty girls that would ride him and who were photographed on him. He even served at a summer camp for kids and was ridden by them all summer. Birthday parties and pony rides were wonderful in his eyes as he received adoration and treats. He would work all day surrounded by small children.

Mag produced his first offspring, a filly, in 2006. The mare traveled down from Ohio in 2005 to visit him and he was a gentle mate to her. He remained a kind stallion and easy handler throughout his breeding career, and he was gentle with his babies. He would go on to produce around 16 other offspring, even though over half of those have never been registered by their owners. He produced four colts and the rest fillies.

He always passed on his gentle disposition: his intelligence and his love for people on to his offspring, and anyone who owns Mag's offspring will confirm how smart and loving they are. As for his offspring, his very first filly Eaton Acres Mastermind's April Magic, grew into a beautiful mare that drives single, double, and rides, and has produced six offspring of her own, four fillies and two colts, and all of them have inherited that gentle loving, in your pocket disposition and work ethic. From the colts that Mag produced, only one Passage Creek Poetry Man is believed to be the only active breeder, and he also inherited Mag's exceptional disposition and gentle breeding. He also is broke to drive single, double, and rides. He favors his sire in every way and could be confused as being Mag for someone who has not seen Mag in a while. He resides at Priscilla's farm at present, and Priscilla calls him "Maglet" although his barn name is Woody.

Mag unfortunately succumbed to colic on December 6, 2017 and was laid to rest, leaving behind not a huge progeny, but hopefully enough to carry on his big heart, and his love of people for many



generations to come. One new foal is on the way for 2018, owned by Dianne Duffy in North Carolina. We can hardly wait to see this foal in the spring that brings with it the promise of the future.



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Clyde/Shire 4 Horse Hitch (8)

4th Greenlee Farms / Tom Greenlee / Tom Greenlee

Shire Stallion 2 yrs & under 3

1st Crossingtons Tobias / Glenn Lewis / Dr. Jeff Gower

Shire Stallion 1 yr & under 2

1st Eastoft Delegate / Glenn Lewis / Dr. Jeff Gower

Shire Stallion Foal

1st RVF Buddy / Todd Riedel / Andrew Troyer

Shire Jr. Champion

Crossingtons Tobias

Reserve Shire Jr. Champion

Eastoft Delegate

Shire Stallion Grand Champion

Crossingtons Tobias

Reserve Shire Stallion Grand Champion

Eastoft Delegate

Best American Bred Shire Stallion

1st RVF Buddy / Todd Riedel / Andrew Troyer

Best Ohio Owned Shire Stallion

1st RVF Buddy / Todd Riedel / Andrew Troyer

Shire Broodmare 4 yrs & over

1st Northeast Aristocrat Abigail / Tom Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

2nd RMs Holly Goes Lightly / Tom Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

3rd Forthofer's Go Barefoot Willow / Sara Schwietman / Kim Forthofer-Braun

Shire Yeld Mare 4 yrs & over

1st RMs M T Autumn / Glenn Lewis / Dr. Jeff Gower

2nd Westwind Grand Emily / Glenn Lewis / Dr. Jeff Gower

3rd Hickory Hill Eleanor / Tom Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

4th XS Heart Black Pearl / Tom Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

5th Shire Valleys Annabella / Tom Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

6th Rockey Tops Daisy May / Lauren Smyth / Lauren Smyth

7th Rice Creek Marie Antoinette / Sarah Schwietman / Richard Forthofer

Shire Mare Sr. Champion

RMs M T Autumn

Reserve Shire Mare Sr. Champion

Westwind Grand Emily

Shire Mare 2 yrs & under 3

1st XS Heart Black Opal / Donald Lentzner / David & Kathy Spencer

Shire Mare 1 yr & under 2

1st RVF Julie / Todd Riedel / Andrew Troyer

Shire Mare Foal

1st GFS Scotch Bottom Rock Star / Tom Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

2nd GFS Auroras Shining Glory / Tom Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

Shire Mare Jr. Champion

RVF Julie

Reserve Shire Mare Jr. Champion

GFS Scotch Bottom Rock Star

Shire Mare Grand Champion

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Westwind Grand Emily

Best American Bred Shire Mare (7)

1st RMs M T Autumn / Glenn Lewis / Dr. Jeff Gower

Best Ohio Owned Shire Mare (3)

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3rd Dapplewood Camille / Sarah Schwietman / Richard Forthofer

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1st Royal View Park Bell / Todd Riedel / Andrew Troyer

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1st Metheringham Upton Hamlet / Glenn Lewis / Dr. Jeff Gower

2nd Forthofer Radar / Todd Riedel / Andrew Troyer

3rd Isles Field Danny Boy / Tom Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

4th Heart Mt. Midnight Special / Tom Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

Shire Herd, 1 Stallion & 2 Mares

1st Soaring Eagle Farm / Glenn Lewis / Dr. Jeff Gower

Clyde/Shire Jr. Showmanship under 15 yrs (9)

4th Hickory Hill Eleanor / Ryan Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

6th Rockey Tops Daisy May / Kyra McKissick / Lauren Smyth

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8th RMs Holly Goes Lightly / Piper Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

Clyde/Shire Sr. Showmanship 15-21 yrs (4)

1st Rockey Tops Daisy May / Kinsey Grose / Lauren Smyth

2nd Shire Valleys Annabella / Anna Ruby / Greenlee Farms

Clyde/Shire Cart Jr. Exhibitor To Drive (10)

4th RMs Holly Goes Lightly / Piper Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

6th Northeast Aristocrat Abigail / Ryan Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

Clyde/Shire Team Jr. Exhibitor To Drive (7)

2nd Greenlee Farms / Anna Ruby / Greenlee Farms

5th Greenlee Farms / Ryan Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

Governors Cup 6 Horse Hitch (27)

27th Greenlee Farms / Tom Greenlee

Shire Cart S/G/M Men To Drive

1st XS Black Pearl / Tom Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

Shire Cart S/G/M Lady To Drive

1st Northeast Aristocrat Abigail / Charity Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

2nd Dangels Dakota Faith / Anna Ruby / Greenlee Farms

Shire Cart S/G/M Lady or Man To Drive

1st Shire Valleys Annabella / Charity Greenlee / Greenlee Farms

2nd Dangels Dakota Faith / Anna Ruby / Greenlee Farms

Clyde/Shire Unicorn (7)

2nd Greenlee Farms / Tom Greenlee

Clyde/Shire 6 Horse Hitch (7)

6th Greenlee Farms / Tom Greenlee

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2nd Midnight Star's Lucky Lad / Brit McLin, Silt, CO

Shire Stallion Foal

1st Trail-Light Sadie's Express / Daniel Todd Riedel, Seville, OH

2nd RVF Buddy / Andrew Troyer, Millersburg, OH

Champion Shire Stallion

Crossingtons Tobias

Shire Mare Yeld Mare 4 & over

1st Westwind Grand Emily / Dr. Jeff Gower

2nd RM's MT Autumn / Jeff Gower

Shire Brood Mare 4 & over *live foal current year*

1st Duke's Sadie / Daniel Todd Riedel

Shire Mare 1 year & under 4

1st Illusion Farms Rustic Raina / Kim Smith, Oakville, ON

2nd Trail-Light Ysabella / Daniel Todd Riedel

3rd RVF Julie / Andrew Troyer

4th Trail-Light Xayleah / Daniel Todd Riedel

Champion Shire Mare

Illusion Farms Rustic Raina

Shire Geldings

1st Trail-Light Xenophon / Daniel Todd Riedel

2nd TD Bomb's Away Frisco / Kristen Cooper, Monroe, MI

Champion Shire Gelding

Trail-Light Xenophon

Champion Shire of Show

Illusion Farms Rustic Raina

Shire Mare & Foal *current year foal*

1st Daniel Todd Riedel

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