Horse Judging Weekend Workshop with John Wolf
Jan. 22-23, 2005 by Ellen Crawford, NDSU Ag. Communication

North Dakota State University’s Equine Science Program will host a horse judging weekend workshop Jan. 22-23, 2005, at Sheppard Arena on campus.

Jon Wolf, horse judging coach at Black Hawk College, Kewanee, Ill., will be the instructor.

The workshop is for anyone interested in judging horses.

“We strongly encourage collegiate, 4-H and FFA horse judging contestants, leaders and coaches, as well as people who enjoy judging 4-H and open shows,” says Bobbi Bingeman, NDSU equestrian team coach.

“If you are not currently involved in these activities, but you are interested, we encourage you to come to this workshop and get started with the best.”

Wolf has coached several successful youth and collegiate horse judging teams, including 10 American Quarter Horse Association world champions. He judged the 2004 North Dakota State Fair 4-H Horse Show and provided his expertise at the 4-H State Horse Judging Contest. He has judged internationally and presented judging seminars in many states.

He has bachelor of science and master’s degrees in animal science from the University of Illinois. He was farm/horse manager at the university for more than two years before he developed the horse science curriculum at Black Hawk College in 1974.

Since then he has taught a number of equine courses. Now he focuses on issues such as reproduction and nutrition.

The workshop starts at 7:30 a.m. both days with check-in and late registration. Sessions begin at 8:45 a.m. and wrap up at 4:15 p.m.

The deadline to register for the workshop is Jan. 7. The cost is $25 per day for those planning to attend only one day and $40 for both days.

Checks should be payable to the NDSU ARS Department.

Send registration forms and fees to Bingeman at the Animal and Range Sciences Department, Hultz Hall 183, NDSU, Fargo, ND 58105.

For a registration packet or more information, contact Bingeman at (701) 231-7726 or bobbi.bingeman@ndsu.edu

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- Delivers valuable information to many youth involved in horse activities.
- Upcoming events: horse judging contests, hippology contests, rodeos, horse shows, educational opportunities, etc.
- Feature stories about youth and horses in our region.
- Feature stories about “main” events around the region.

Chaco, 3 yr old gelding, poses for a holiday picture at the NDSU Equine Center. Chaco is part of our unique Loaner Horse Program. See inside.
Hippology is an equine event for club, county, and state participation that covers all areas of horsemanship. Emphasis is placed on knowledge of the animal in areas of health, breeds, tack, nutrition, care, training, and more.

Hippology is set up in stations, and these stations each address a different part of horsemanship. These stations use a variety of teaching methods (mix & match, hands-on, team work, math skills) and therefore accommodate more than one learning style. Hippology may also include a judging class.

**Upcoming Hippology Events:**

- **January 15** - Wells County. Register 9-10AM. $5 per contestant (includes lunch) Pre-register by January 8th with Carrie 701-984-2548. Krause@daktel.com

- **February 11** - Little I @ NDSU Equine Center, Fargo, ND (4-H and FFA) Pre-register by Jan. 21st with Anja or Abby (701)872-6427 anja.koester@ndsu.nodak.edu or abby.clyde@ndsu.nodak.edu

- **February 26** - Spring Fling in Lisbon at EXPO Center, Ransom Cty. Fairgrounds (4-H and FFA) Pre-register by Feb. 12th with Julie (701)724-3355 jhassebr@ndsuest.nodak.edu

- **February 26** - West River in Beulah, ND. Contact Joyce at jandjhyp@westriv.com

To get your event listed in the Head Tossor, email bobbi.bingeman@ndsu.nodak.edu.
“Ask Often, Expect Little & Reward Generously”

Article provided by Karla Stanley

Prairie Rose Training Center hosted the Mari Monda Zdunic “Total Horse Clinic” November 6th and 7th in Bismarck, ND. Twenty one riders from 10 years old to 60 plus, and eight different breeds of horses provided a diverse group. MMZ has the unique insight to recognize the strengths and weaknesses of each horse/rider pair and customizing a lesson. First time riders were introduced to lateral work—leg yield, half pass, shoulder in and lengthening/shortening the stride. More advanced riders fine tuned their skills plus started flying changes, pirouettes and passage. Mari teaches separation of the aids with only the lightest leg, allowing room for the horses back to come up under the seat and riders learning by training their own horses (with instruction). Her training philosophy is “Ask Often, Expect Little & Reward Generously.” She is currently campaigning three grand prix horses. Mari plans a return trip in March. Prairie Rose Training Center is in Bismarck, ND. 701-222-0148

Dakota HorseFest Dressage and Sport Horse Show, June 10-12, 2005 in Huron, SD. Look for more information in the 2005 Spring Issue of the NDSU Head Tosser.

http://sprots.groups.yahoo.com/group/dakdressage/

Results from National FFA Convention

The Lisbon Team received a Bronze award in the Horse Judging CDE at the National FFA Convention.

Congratulations!

Visit www.ndffafoundation.com

Over 50,000 FFA members attended the 77th National FFA Convention participating in leadership training sessions, career development events, rodeos, concerts, tours, and awards dinners.

Connie Combs: Intermediate to Advanced Barrel Clinic

May 21-22, West Fargo Fair Grounds, West Fargo, ND

Tuition fee is $250 per rider (Maximum of 15 riders). $100 due by February 1st, with registration and final payment of $150 due May 1. Extra horse is $100. Auditors will be charge $35 for the weekend or $20 per day. “Connie is a professional clinic instructor, trainer, world champion barrel racer and endorses some of the most popular barrel racing products available on the market. Connie believes in a positive attitude and getting the respect of the horse is what makes a champion. Connie’s clinic program consists of conditioning, proper footwork, importance of bits and proper equipment. Correct horsemanship is a must at each clinic.”

Questions? Sonya Hoffmann 701-633-5409 or Teri Berg-Crooks 701-845-4522
NDSU Loaner Horse Program

The NDSU horsemanship program relies on the use of horses loaned to us by willing partners. Owners from all over the region loan us their horses for use in our horsemanship program during the academic year. The "Loaner Horses" receive full-care at no cost to the owner. Full care includes: feed, daily turnout, stall cleaning, bedding, routine worming, annual vaccinations, necessary veterinary care, and necessary hoof care. Our students benefit greatly from the horses that are loaned to our program. Each horse plays a definitive role in teaching our students horsemanship. After all, our horses teach us more about horsemanship than any instructor, video, or book. Each horse is like a teacher within our program. Our riding instructors and students see them as such, and treat them with great respect. Many horse owners do not have facilities which allow them to enjoy their horses during the winter months. They find comfort in knowing their horse is well cared for, and consistently exercised. Horses return to their owners in mid-May ready to pick up on their traditional summer activities. There is a procedure for accepting new loaner horses. Horses must have a willing disposition, be well-mannered (without vices), and able to perform with different riders at different skill levels. All horses will be assessed by an equine faculty member to test the horse's skill level.

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Success for the NDSU IHSA Equestrian Team

NDSU equestrian athletes have been traveling a lot these past months. The NDSU Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Equestrian Team has been competing in western and hunt seat shows at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls (two weekends), Ellsworth Community College, University of Wisconsin, Madison, and University of Nebraska, Lincoln. The riders have been strong competitors in both disciplines. Currently NDSU is ranked fourth in the region in western, and fifth in the region in hunt seat. Twelve schools are represented in the region. The western show at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln was a very big weekend for NDSU riders. NDSU had 8 first place riders. Felicia Lamb won both Horsemanship and Reining, earning her the High Point Individual Award.

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Send us your stories and events...we would love to put your event on our calendar...we are always looking for stories about youth and their horses. Send submissions to us by March 1st for the Spring 2005 issue.

Our contact information is on the left.

Join us at the 2nd Annual

NDSU Horse Fair!

April 16-17, 2005
NDSU Equine Center at the North Dakota Horse Park
5180 19th Ave. N. (2 miles west of I-29 on 19th Ave. — Exit 67)

April 16 — Horse Fair 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Vendors, horse activities for kids, breed exposition,
Education Alley and Feature Speaker Lynn Palm (All persons attending the NDSU Horse Fair will be able to watch Lynn Palm without additional charge on Saturday only.)

April 17 — Lynn Palm 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Lynn Palm will be with us all day Saturday and Sunday presenting “Palm Partnership Training.”

Education Alley
Forages — Dr. Kevin Sedivec, NDSU Extension Range Specialist
West Nile Virus — Dr. Charlie Stoltenow, NDSU Extension Veterinarian
Equine Nutrition — Marcy Ward, M.S., NDSU Graduate Research Assistant
Other experts
Equine Massage Therapist
Equine Chiropractor
Equine Dentist

For more information contact: Clare Purdy at (701) 231-6565.