

Bar None Saddle Club

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Bits and Pieces

New Officers

Congratulations to all of our newly elected officers, if you need to talk to one of them their names and phone numbers are in the news letter on the front page. <=====

High Point Awards

Don't forget to enter your horse and pony in the High Point Awards for the upcoming year (2018). The rules will be changed a little to make them easier to understand. As soon as you have the entry form filled out, return the form to the Saddle Club, Bill or Cindy, so they can date the entry form. Make sure you keep track of your points. The Saddle Club has extended the closing date until the meeting of

January so that members that are in the Auburn Christmas Parade can use parade points towards their High Point total..

Dues

It is that time of year when Bar None Saddle Club dues are do. Dues are \$25.00 per family per year, This includes any children under the age of 18.

Beef and Noodle Dinners

. The Club has decided to continue the Beef and Noodles dinners this coming year. The Clubs first dinner will be January 18th. The dinners will be starting at 4:30 and run until 7 pm. This will be a free will donation. The Club is looking for workers to help setting up, serving, working in the kitchen, and cleaning

up. The proceeds will go to the sponsorship of our spring and fun horse shows. There will be fun during the dinners. We are planning to have our movie passes and Italian Grill drawing each month.

Andrew Surface

Andrew Surface graduated from Air Force Basic Training in San Antonio Texas. The Surface family flew down to Texas to see Andrew graduate. They also made it a learning experience, seeing the sights of San Antonio and the Alamo. AIT is next for Andrew and we wish him the best in his training in the Air Force.

Laura Landers

Laura had surgery Keep her in your prayers

Calendar of Coming Events

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| JANUARY 2 | Tuesday | 7:00 PM | January Business Meeting |
| JANUARY 17 | Wednesday | 4:30-7PM | Beef and Noodle Dinner |
| JANUARY 21 | Sunday | 2-5:30PM | Winter Party |
| FEBRUARY 6 | Tuesday | 7:00 PM | February Business Meeting |
| FEBRUARY 10 | Saturday | 6:30pm | 4-H Tack Sale Exhibit Hall |

The Winter party is just about here and with some good luck, we should be in good shape, all the bad weather should be behind us. The winter party is open to all club members. The club will furnish the chicken, drinks, and table wear. We ask the club members to bring a covered to pass. There will be BINGO, we will award the Highpoint Awards at this time. Do not forget to turn in your high point sheets at the meeting to be eligible. These sheets need to be turned in to Bill or Cindy, There will be a gift exchange for all members. Please wrap your gifts and mark on the it if it is for a man or woman or child. The price limit is \$10.00 for the gift exchange. The is also a time to talk to some of the members that you have not seen in a while and to get caught up on what is happening in their lives. It is also aa time to reach out to new and different members and make a new friend. The common core is horses, that will break the ice. We are all family here.

The Next Business Meeting is set for Tuesday, January 2nd. 7:00 PM

Added news letter, several events, and a few new horsey links as well. Please mention the [horsey links tab](#) and [upcoming events tab](#) at the meeting and in news letter. If any one has any links or events to ad send them to me at douglasrobinett80@gmail.com put BAR NONE in subject line. For events i need the name of event date, begin time, approx end time, complete address including zip code. For links i need the full web site address and a brief description

**Merry Christmas
Happy New Year**

Agenda - January 2, 2017

- A. Call Meeting to Order
- B. Roll Call of Officers
- C. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- D. Treasurers Report
- E. Committee Reports
 - 1. Rentals
 - 2. High point
 - 3. Membership
 - 4. Activities
 - 5. Face book, web page
- F. Old Business
 - 1. Winter Party
 - 2. Beef and Noodle Dinner
- G. New Business
 - 1. Spring Horse show / fun show
- H. General Discussion—For the Good of the Order
- I. Adjournment

Stall of the President

This is the beginning of a new year and the sky is the limit for both our horses and the Bar None Saddle Club. There are four items that I see as a must do for our club. The first is the Beef and Noodle Dinner coming this January. This is an opportunity for all the club members to get to know each other with out horses being present. We will all be working for a common goal, raising money to support our horse shows. The second item is the winter party. There maybe times when you may want to avoid a certain member because you are not sure about this person. This is the best place to talk with them and find out that you have more in common than you think. Sometimes stress

works differently on people and there should be no stress at this event. Item three is two fold, the 4-H Tack Auction and tack sale. The club needs to make a great showing at these two events. The 4-H program is the best place for our club to pick up new members. At the conclusion of their 4-H career and they want to stay active with horses, the best fit for them is the Bar None Saddle Club. Item 4 is the April 16 educational training. If we are given the opportunity to help, we need to be there. I do not know of any other group with more knowledge about horses than our club. This would be huge bringing the 4-H program and Saddle Club closer together.

Ensure your horse stays healthy all season long by using common sense and avoiding these Top 8 winter horsekeeping mistakes:

1. Letting his water freeze over.
2. A horse will not stay properly hydrated if his water is frozen. Snow and ice are no substitute for clean, unfrozen drinking water. Your horse's risk of impaction colic is greatly increased if he doesn't have access to unfrozen water at all times. If you live in a region that experiences below-freezing temperatures, invest in a heating device specifically designed for horse waterers and troughs.
3. Not increasing feed rations when temperatures dip.
4. Talk to your veterinarian about how much feed your horse should receive during the winter months. As the temperatures drop, your horse burns more calories to stay warm. For some horses, this means considerable weight loss. If your horse isn't on a calorie-restricted diet, consider increasing his hay rations as it gets colder outside. Forage (hay) provides an excellent source of calories. Also, the process of digesting fiber (most hays are high in fiber) helps keep a horse warmer.
5. No exercise.
6. Just like we humans, horses need exercise all year long, even when it's cold outside! If possible, continue riding through the winter months. If severe conditions make winter riding impossible, turn your horse out daily in a large pasture or paddock daily; if it's safe to do so, consider longeing him to keep him fit.
7. Overriding an out of shape horse.
8. If you only ride when the weather is good, chances are you won't be doing much saddling up if you live in a cold winter region. That's ok if you do other things to keep your horse fit, but if he's a stable potato most of the season, use caution: An out-of-shape horse is at a much greater risk of musculoskeletal injury if exercised hard. If your winter riding schedule is sporadic, based on weather conditions, stick to lighter workouts that won't overtask your horse. Gradually increase his exercise level as his fitness improves.
9. Sequestering a horse indoors.
10. Horses will stay healthier and fitter if left outdoors for the winter, with a few caveats: All horses must have shelter from the elements. A three-sided shelter with a roof is a must. If you do bring your horse indoors, try to leave him out during the day and only bring him in at night. And don't close your barn up! Instead, leave it open to ensure good airflow inside; a closed-up barn leads to poor air quality that can affect a horse's respiratory health.
11. Over blanketing.
12. When it's snowing outside and you're inside enjoying a warm dinner by the fire, it's hard not to feel sorry for your horse. To ease the guilt, you may be tempted to rush out and pile yet another blanket on him. Stop yourself right there! Yes, a horse with a full or partial body clip does need blanketing during winter, regardless of whether he's kept indoors or out. But a horse with his natural winter coat probably doesn't need blanketing as long as he has shelter from the elements, is receiving proper nutrition and is in good health. Over blanketing a horse can cause him to overheat, which can lead to dehydration and a host of health problems. If you are concerned about your horse's comfort during winter, talk to your veterinarian about it.
13. Lack of hoof care.
14. Nothing irks a good farrier more than an owner who insists on foregoing hoof care during the winter months. Horses—barefoot or shod, ridden or not—need regular farrier care every six to eight weeks, maybe even more often, regardless of the season. Period, the end!
15. No beauty treatment.
16. Even if you don't ride during the winter, groom your horse regularly—daily if possible. Regular grooming and handling provides the opportunity to evaluate your horse and alerts you to problems such as illness, injury, weight loss, lost shoe, cracked hooves, et cetera. It's up to us, as owners, to intervene as quickly as possible when something is wrong. Catching a problem early on helps put your horse back on the track to good health.
17. Throwing him out to pasture and forgetting about him.
18. There's an old cowboy adage out there, "no rest for the horseman." Yes, the holidays are upon us, and yes it's darn cold outside, but you still have to keep up on your daily horsekeeping chores. Even if your horses are in pasture, you still have lots of work to do! Watering, feeding, grooming, exercising—get busy.