



The Gaited Horse Group of Ontario



DECEMBER 2006 UPDATE

It was wonderful to see so many people (over 30 members) at the Annual General Meeting that was held at the Pines of Georgina on Saturday, November 18th, 2006.

Our Guest Speaker, Ms. Jo Woolsey of Buckeye Feeds, shared some wonderful information regarding equine nutrition with us.

We were glad that Ms. Marcia Barrett of O.E.F. (Ontario Equestrian Federation) was able to spend some time with us at our meeting. Marcia shared some wonderful news - O.E.F. has awarded GHGO a grant of \$693.00.

This year's Silent Auction was the best ever! There was an abundance of fabulous items, mostly donated by our members. Thanks to your generosity, the Silent Auction raised just over \$800.

We had a raffle for choice of white saddle pad or GHGO sweatshirt. This raffle brought in \$85.00 for GHGO. We also had door prize give-aways of a GHGO hat and a GHGO T-Shirt.

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your GHGO membership for 2007 = \$25.00 single / \$40.00 family.

Dave and Cheryl Constable arranged for Sonya Turner to bring some clothing samples for display at the AGM. Many people took advantage of this opportunity to order some great clothing embroidered with the GHGO logo.

The AGM was a very busy meeting, lots of information was shared and GHGO business was conducted. The wording of the by-laws and regulations was modified as per a motion. The revised GHGO By-Laws and Regulations will be available soon.

The **2007 Executive** was elected, as follows:

President	John Ross
Vice-President	Don Woodrow
Secretary	Sharon Woodrow
Treasurer	Karen Clark
Fund Raising	David Constable
Website	John Ross
Newsletter	Karen Clark
Library	Naomi Siegel
OEF Rep.	Anne McKeown / Colleen Marquis
Promotion	Bonnie Whaley / Eveline Eilert

The following people offered to be **Breed Representatives**:

Mountain Horse	Anne McKeown
Paso Fino	Glenda Newland
Peruvian Paso	Karen Clark
Icelandic	Chris Soeffner
Tennessee Walker	(The current rep is Kim Pringle)

The following people have agreed to be involved as follows:

Projects	Dolly Puccia, Colleen Marquis
Horse Shows	Anne McKeown, Glenda Newland

A meeting of the next executive is scheduled for January 2007.

We would like to take this time to thank Anne McKeown for all of her hard work and dedication that she brought to the position of GHGO Secretary over the past years. Anne is a remarkable woman who has worked tirelessly and selflessly as Club Secretary. As a result of Anne's efforts (with a little help from her friends), members of the GHGO were able to show their gaited horses at a variety of venues.

THANKS ANNE FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE FOR GHGO AND FOR US. WE ARE GLAD THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO REGAIN YOUR SPOT ON THE EXECUTIVE AFTER YOU TAKE A WELL DESERVED "BREAK".

All in all it was a great meeting and we are all looking forward to the GHGO Events of 2007. If you are interested in hosting any GHGO events (social, clinics, trail rides, etc.), please let us know.

OEF ANNUAL MEETING

On Friday November 24th, 2006, Colleen Marquis, Glenda Newland and Anne McKeown attended the OEF meeting at the Nottawasaga Inn, in Alliston, Ontario. Colleen Marquis accepted the OEF Sport Grant on behalf of GHGO. This year our grant was a total of \$693.00. In 2006, several changes in the grant process were introduced and specified signed papers had to be sent to the OEF. We still have the opportunity of receiving a larger grant, we just need to learn the ropes and meet all the requirements. We are not able to complete part of the application because we are a small club. We will try our best to meet all the criteria possible for 2007.

OEF, along with six other partners, are working on a New Ontario Equine Centre that will be built in Arkell, Ontario.

One of our members, Glenda Newland, has been elected to the Board of Directors of OEF and is Vice-Chair of the Association's Advisory Council. **Congratulations Glenda!**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2007

RESOURCES

We are looking forward to 2007 being another exciting year of social events, rides, clinics and growth and new opportunities for all members of GHGO.

One of the exciting things we have planned for our members is the organization of a "Library of Resources". Under the direction of Naomi Siegel, we are hoping to be able to lend books, videos, DVDs, and other equine-related information to our members. We do not have everything in place right now, but we are hoping to be able to provide you with more details in the first quarter of 2007.

If anyone has "materials" that they would like to "donate" to the GHGO Library, please let us know.

CAN AM

Although the GHGO club will not be participating in CanAm this year, several of our members will be. CanAm is scheduled for March 15th to 18th, 2007 at the Western Fair Entertainment Centre, London, Ontario.

CLINICS

At this point we know that Glenda Newland of Ambleside Paso Finos will be hosting two-Five Day and one-Two Day Larry Whitesell Clinics.

We will keep you informed of additional clinics that GHGO members are involved in as we hear about them.

TRAIL RIDES

We will be publishing a **2007 CALENDAR of EVENTS** again this year. It will list all GHGO activities and will be revised and republished regularly. We would like to give all of our members as much advance notice of all our events to assist in long-range planning.

SHOWS

We are hoping that more of our members will participate in the gaited horse events at local fairs this year. Details of shows will be included in our 2007 Calendar of Events and will be detailed in upcoming mailings.

ADVERTISING / CLASSIFIEDS

We are planning on having two separate advertising areas. Our "Advertising Pages" will list breeders, trainers, etc. who "PAY" to advertise in our GHGO publications. The current rate is \$40.00 per year for a business-size ad. Please contact Karen Clark if you would like to purchase a "One Year Business Ad" or if you would like to discuss the rates for a different size ad for a one year period. If possible, please provide a digital file of your business card. We cannot guarantee the quality of any scanned business cards.

The "**CLASSIFIEDS**" will be **FREE** to our members to advertise personal equine-related items for sale. We will list "horses" for sale by members who are **NOT in the BUSINESS** of selling horses or horse-related merchandise. Please forward a list of any items you have for sale to Karen Clark. We will not be able to run classifieds requested via phone, as we must have a "hard copy" (either typed, handwritten or via eMail) of the information to ensure accuracy.

Please remember to provide all pertinent information regarding the item(s) you would like to include in our "Classifieds". GHGO is not responsible for misrepresentation of any information.

2007 MEMBERSHIP

If you have not already purchased your 2007 Membership, please do so at your earliest convenience. The rates are the same as last year - \$25.00/single; \$40.00/family (2 adults and 2 children).

THIS CLUB'S FOR YOU

We are always happy to get your feedback - either GOOD or BAD. Any suggestions you may have for GHGO and its members will be reviewed by the Executive and will be disseminated to our members. We hope that 2007 will provide all of us with opportunities to share our passion of gaited horses with each other and to bring gaited horses to the attention of those people who are not familiar with these fine animals!

"WHO YOU GONNA CALL"

If you would like to contact the GHGO executive, please do so through the GHGO Secretary, Sharon Woodrow - RR #2 Cannington (705) 432-2066 (sharonwoodrow@hotmail.com).

All advertising should be sent to Karen Clark, as should any articles you would like to include in the GHGO Newsletters - C24795 Cameron Sideroad, RR #1 Beaverton L0K 1A0 (705) 426-5054 (Clark_Karen2@durham.edu.on.ca).

In an effort to stay better connected with our members, we are hoping to send out monthly mailings. We will do our best to include all advertisements, classifieds and current events.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Members of the
2006 and 2007
G.H.G.O. Executive
WISH ALL OUR G.H.G.O. MEMBERS

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**WE HOPE YOU HAVE A
SAFE and HAPPY
HOLIDAY SEASON!**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING *YOU* AND
YOUR HORSES
IN 2007!**

President's Message:

The Annual General Meeting was held on November 18th, 2006 in Baldwin. The dinner was delicious and it was great seeing the membership in a social atmosphere. The guest speaker was a very informative nutritionist. I found the importance of nutritional balance in addition to the energy gained from typical feeding regimes particularly interesting.

An energetic Board of Directors was elected that night. I look forward to working with all of you in the next two years.

Please check in on the website frequently for up-to-date information. This year was very active and looking back over the many events, it is clear we were able to draw together the gaited horse community. We are looking forward to an exciting 2007.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions. I want to wish everyone all the best for the holidays and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
John Ross.

WEBSITE UPDATE:

A few links on the website have changed. (due to junk emails)

Info1@gaitedhorsegroup.com

membership@gaitedhorsegroup.com

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info@gaitedhorsegroup.com
memberships@gaitedhorsegroup.com