



The Gaited Horse Group of Ontario



JANUARY 2007

We hope you all had a safe, relaxing and enjoyable Holiday Season!

We are looking forward to a variety of events this year and we hope that you will be able to attend at least one GHGO happening this year.

The “new” executive met on Sunday, January 14th, 2007 and discussed many different ideas to help keep GHGO fun, interesting and informative. There are several things in the works and we will advise you of these once the details are ironed out.

Many of our members have already booked clinics for the 2007 year. We will be including more information about upcoming clinics in our newsletters, but here’s what we know so far:

Larry Whitesell will be conducting a gaited horse clinic at CanAm (In London, Ontario) for each of the 3 days (March 15th, 16th, 17th, 2007)

Equine First Aid Clinic - March 2007 - **TENTATIVE - TO BE CONFIRMED - FOR GHGO MEMBERS ONLY**

Mary Rizo-Patron will be conducting a gaited horse clinic on May 5th and 6th, 2007 - more details to follow

Larry Whitesell will be conducting gaited horse clinics at Ambleside Paso Finos (Coldwater, Ontario), as follows:

5-day Clinic - June 26 th to 30 th , 2007	Riders only, no auditors
5-day Clinic - July 2 nd to 6 th , 2007	Riders only, no auditors
2-day Clinic - July 28 th and 29 th , 2007	Riders and auditors welcome

Our Horse Show Committee members are going to work hard again this year to ensure that GHGO members have access to a variety of horse show venues. We are hoping that our members will take advantage of the many horse shows that offer gaited horse classes.

Although GHGO will not be involved in CanAm this year, several of our members will be going to London with their horses. If you are planning to go to CanAm, please say “hi” to those GHGO members who are participating.

Enclosed is a “2007 GHGO Calendar of Events”, listing all social activities, membership meetings, clinics, horse shows, etc. This will be updated and mailed to all of our GHGO members regularly so we can all be aware of what events are available to us.

We appreciate receiving feedback from our members for inclusion in our newsletters. If there is anything you would like to have included in our newsletters, please send us an eMail via our website (www.gaitedhorsegroup.com). We want this newsletter to be an informative communication tool for all of our members. Your suggestions and comments are welcome. We would be happy to include any horse pictures or stories that you would like to share with other GHGO members in our newsletters.

As a reminder, we have a “Classified Ads” section where our members are able to list any equine items (horses, tack, etc) for sale. This is a **FREE** service for those people who **do not “make a living” by selling equine items.** **Business ads can be purchased by those of you who do “make a living” by selling equine items.** A business-card sized ad will run in each newsletter published in 2007 for \$40.00. The cost of 1/4 page is \$50; ½ page is \$75; 3/4 page is \$100; full page is \$125. Any space that is purchased after June (running in our Newsletters until the end of December 2007) will be discounted by 50%.

We would like to add more Business Cards to our newsletter. If you know of anyone who may be interested in purchasing an ad for inclusion in our newsletters, please direct them to our website (www.gaitedhorsegroup.com). This service is available to non-GHGO members at the same prices.

We are also offering our members the possibility of mailing out an insertion page in one of our newsletters free of charge. You have to provide us with a minimum of 85 copies of the one page that you would like to include with the newsletter.

We will offer this service to non-members for a fee of \$25.00.

Many thanks to our President, John Ross, for updating our website. He has done a great job! Please use the eMail link on the GHGO website (www.gaitedhorsegroup.com) to contact the GHGO Executive members.

GHGO REFERENCE LIBRARY

Naomi Siegel suggested that we establish a GHGO Library of VHS tapes, DVDs, books, etc. that could be lent to our members. We think this is a great idea, but there are a few wrinkles that we are in the process of resolving.

If you have any equine-related material(s) you would be willing to **DONATE** to the GHGO Library, please send us an eMail via the website (www.gaitedhorsegroup.com).

We will keep you posted as to what is happening with the GHGO Library.

OEF

Are you a member of the Ontario Equestrian Federation? If you are, please ensure that Sharon Woodrow, GHGO Secretary, has your OEF Membership number. You can contact Sharon via eMail at www.gaitedhorsegroup.com.

GHGO has a club membership to OEF and they ask that we identify members of GHGO who are also members of OEF by including their names and OEF numbers on the GHGO membership application.

Visit the OEF website at www.horse.on.ca to see what the OEF is all about and to learn more about membership in the OEF.

ERRORS/OMISSIONS

We apologize for any information that is not included or is not correct in our GHGO newsletters. Our December 2006 newsletter neglected to list Naomi Siegel as the Breed Rep for the Fox Trotters. Sorry Naomi and we apologize to our members who thought that Naomi was no longer acting as their Breed Rep!

BREED REP INFO

Fox Trotters - Naomi indicated that there is a possibility that a Canadian Fox Trotter Association may be formed.

YOUR SUGGESTIONS

At our Annual General Meeting (November 2006), we asked our members to put any suggestions they had for GHGO on a "Suggestion Slip". Here is what you said:

1) Younger members should help more in the set-up / tear-down of the GHGO Booth.

- great idea - anyone willing to volunteer? Please let us know via our website.

- 2) Our meetings should be shorter with more social activities.
 - we agree - The Potluck at the Woodrows's (tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 23rd) is an OPEN meeting for ALL members (and their families) - short meeting - lots of socializing
 - The Potluck / Corn Roast at the Constable's (tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 8th) is a Social Event ONLY (no meeting) for ALL members (and their families)

- 3) Keep meetings shorter and to the point.
 - this is difficult. All of our members are enthusiastic and enjoy sharing their experiences. Your suggestions as to how this can be accomplished would be appreciated.

- 4) Name Tags should be used at meetings.
 - we agree. We will purchase adhesive Name Tags that will be available for your use at our future meetings and events.

- 5) Put a "DEPOSIT" on Library Videos.
 - Library details are in the "design stage".

- 6) Add a "Media Player" clip on the GHGO website.
 - great idea - anyone have any suggestions as to what clip we can use; how we can get "clearance" on it; and how to install it. Please send your suggestions via eMail (through the GHGO website).

We hope that you have found this Newsletter informative. Your suggestions / photos / information for inclusion in our future newsletters is required. Please send all info via eMail through the GHGO website.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Look for the next newsletter later in February 2007.

2007 GHGO - SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Please note this information is **PRELIMINARY** and dates will be **CONFIRMED** as soon as possible. This "calendar" will be updated monthly and will be included with our newsletters.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event / Details</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Mar 15-17	CanAm Equine Show		Western Fair Entertainment Centre (519) 421-1189	www.canamequine.ca
Larry Whitesell will be conducting a gaited horse clinic at CanAm once a day for each of the 3 days of this event.				
<i>Mar 31 Equine First Aid Clinic EVENT TO BE CONFIRMED - DETAILS TO FOLLOW</i>				
May 5-6	Mary Rizo-Patron Clinic	FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW		
May 12	Everything Equine Expo	GHGO PARTICIPATION TO BE CONFIRMED - DETAILS TO FOLLOW		
<i>June 2 GHGO Spring Ride</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Vivian Forest</i>	<i>Colleen Marquis</i>	
<i>NO RAIN DATE - RIDE GOES RAIN OR SHINE</i>		<i>Eldred King</i>	<i>www.gaitedhorsegroup.com</i>	
		<i>York Region</i>		
<i>June 3 OEF Ride EVENT TO BE CONFIRMED - DETAILS TO FOLLOW</i>				
<i>June 23</i>	<i>GHGO OPEN Pot Luck</i>	<i>2:00 pm</i>	<i>The Woodrow's, Cannington</i>	<i>Sharon Woodrow</i>
<i>ALL WELCOME - OPEN MEETING - meeting to be kept SHORT</i>				
<i>www.gaitedhorsegroup.com</i>				
June 26-30	Larry Whitesell Clinic Riders Only - No Auditors		Ambleside Paso Finos	Glenda Newland info@pasofinos.ca
<i>June 30- July 1</i>	<i>GHGO Camping Weekend Come for 1 or 2 days</i>		<i>Sandaraska Park Ganaraska Forest</i>	<i>Dolly Puccia</i> <i>www.gaitedhorsegroup.com</i>
July 2-6	Larry Whitesell Clinic Riders Only - No Auditors		Ambleside Paso Finos	Glenda Newland
July 28-29	Larry Whitesell Clinic Riders & Auditors		Ambleside Paso Finos	Glenda Newland info@pasofinos.ca
Aug 12	Sutton Fair & Horse Show	EVENT TO BE CONFIRMED - DETAILS TO FOLLOW		
<i>Sept 8 GHGO Pot Luck</i>	<i>2:00 pm</i>	<i>The Constable's, Baxter</i>	<i>David & Sheryl Constable</i>	
<i>& Corn Roast - SOCIAL ONLY - NO MEETING</i>				
<i>www.gaitedhorsegroup.com</i>				
<i>Oct 20 2nd</i>	<i>Annual Gary Convery Memorial Fall Ride</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Please Valley, Uxbridge</i>	<i>Colleen Marquis</i>
<i>RAIN DATE: Oct 21/07</i>				
<i>www.gaitedhorsegroup.com</i>				
<i>Nov 17</i>	<i>Annual General Meeting</i>	<i>FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW</i>		

GHGO EVENTS ARE IN BOLD ITALICS

This summary includes all GHGO events, as well as those held by members and other equine organizations which are open to GHGO members. Breed Reps are asked to contact owners of their equine breed to submit and relay events which are either specific to their breed, or to gaited horses in general.

If you are planning to hold a clinic, trail ride, special event or are aware of an event that is appropriate to GHGO, please advise us via the GHGO website (www.gaitedhorsegroup.com). We are hoping to post these events on the website and need your help in letting us know "what's going on"!

