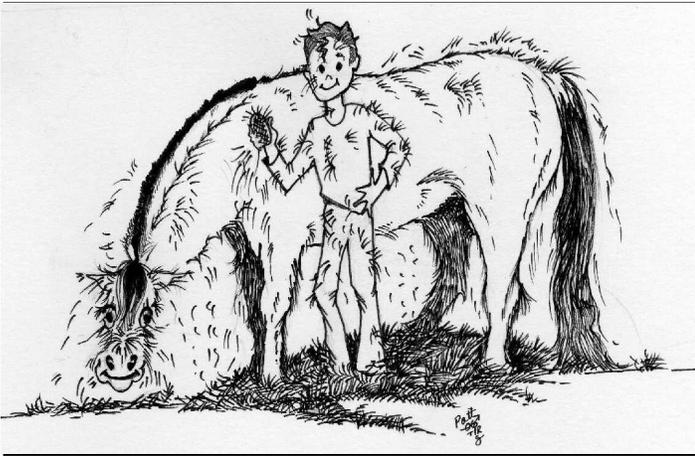


# Midwest Fjord Horse Club

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Spring 2006 Newsletter



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## Calendar of Events

April 21-23, 2006	Midwest Horse Fair Madison, Wis. <a href="http://www.midwesthorsefair.com">www.midwesthorsefair.com</a>
April 28-30, 2006	Minnesota Horse Expo St. Paul, Minn. <a href="http://www.mnhorseexpo.org">www.mnhorseexpo.org</a>
May 6, 2006	Hands-On Safety Driving Clinic Fitchburg, Wis. Contact: Donna Thomas (608)835-8549 <a href="mailto:stablewoman@direcway.com">stablewoman@direcway.com</a> <a href="http://www.dairylanddriving.org">www.dairylanddriving.org</a>
July 24-26, 2006	Blue Earth Show Blue Earth, Minn. Contact: Pat Holland (815)591-3658 <a href="mailto:pholland@internetni.com">pholland@internetni.com</a>
October 12-15	NFHR 25th Anniversary Celebration, Show and Evaluation Winona, Minn. Contact: Curt Pierce (304)897-6627 <a href="mailto:curt421@mindspring.com">curt421@mindspring.com</a>

## President's Message

Greetings, all!

With the coming of spring, I imagine that everyone is looking forward to that annual rite of the "brushing of the Fjords," a well-established grooming ritual that Quarter Horse people will never be able to truly appreciate.

On a bright spring morning with the warm sun giving all the world a much needed glow, there will be a very hairy Fjord (or three) dozing contentedly in the sunlight. You, dressed in old clothes, will emerge from the house, prepared to go nine rounds with a curry comb.

For all you ladies out there, I bet you never thought that when we men folk promised you a fur coat that it would be renewable every spring!

Just how is it that all that fluffy Fjord hair can sift into the most annoying places? Down your back, up your nose, and stuck to every square inch of your jacket, jeans, hat and boots! This stuff can get in places that the hay did not find last summer!

Such is the spring ritual that we all endure -- and enjoy -- with our Fjordies. It is also a gentle reminder that Blue Earth will be here before we all know it.

Well, enough foolishness for this issue.

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P.S. Keep checking out the club web site. New things will be popping up from time to time, such as minutes from the club's general meetings and the board of directors meetings and a new section listing our members who are also Fjord breeders.

## Inside this Issue .....

- **Winona Clinic Summaries**
- **the story of "The Old Stallion"**
- **a sneak peak at Blue Earth '06**
- **the story of a therapeutic driving Fjord**
- **pictures of the Winona weekend**
- **and much more!**

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## Youth Member Accomplishments

Robin Holland, a youth member of the MWFHC, has recently been named to the River Ridge Chapter of the National Honor Society and was awarded her State Degree in FFA. She is also a member of WYSE (World Wide Youth Science and Engineer) State Team, and serves as Chapter and Section FFA Reporter. Robin plays seven musical instruments and carries a 3.9 GPA.

Robin was awarded the beautiful Henning carving for the "Friends of the Fjord" award at the 2005 Blue Earth Show, and trained her Fjord "Pine's Edge Ivan" to compete in riding, in hand, driving and draft events.

Her parents, Gary and Pat Holland, are very proud of their daughter, and wanted those of you whom have met her to share in her accomplishments.

## Make Hotel Reservations for Winona Event Soon!

Submitted by Debbie Ulrich

I am chairing the hospitality committee and have reserved rooms at several of the hotels in Winona. Many people have said they are having a hard time getting a hotel reserved for this event.

The block of rooms is under the NFH or Norwegian Fjord Horse Show. You MUST state this in order to get a room. If you call and just ask for a room, you will not get one as the entire Holiday Inn is saved for us under a block.

There have only been a few reservations to date. WE all need to make a reservation soon, or they will not hold these rooms like they stated. PLEASE call and reserve your room today. This time of year is peak season here because of the fall color in the hills. If you have any questions, call me at 507-454-7565 or email at

[dulrich@1-cs.com](mailto:dulrich@1-cs.com)

## NFHR 25th Anniversary Celebration in Winona

Additional hotel information is also available on the homepage of the NFHR. Please visit

[www.nfhr.com](http://www.nfhr.com)

## Safety Driving Clinic Welcomes Fjord Owners

The Dairyland Driving Club is hosting its annual **Hands-On Safety Driving Clinic** on **Saturday, May 6, 2006**, at Hickory Knoll Farm, in Fitchburg, Wisconsin.

The clinic focuses on learning to drive and related safety topics. Talks include: harness selection and care, selecting a safe vehicle, how to fit the vehicle to your equine, and starting a driving horse. Participants also get experience driving a single or pair. Horses and vehicles provided by members of DDC.

This clinic provides an excellent overview for persons just learning to drive and also is a great refresher for more experienced whips.

For more information and registration forms, please contact Donna Thomas, (608) 835-8549 or [stablewoman@direcway.com](mailto:stablewoman@direcway.com).

## New Club Members Welcome New Foal

Submitted by Jackie Trzebiatowski



Circle T Horse Farm, Iola, Wis., announces the arrival of a new filly, Alysa (Joana x Jocko), born on February 22, 2006.

Her proud owners, the Trzebiatowski family, started out with a Fjord mare in May 2005 and quickly added two more mares in July 2005, including Alysa's mother.

"Our first mare was so awesome, I had to have more!" exclaims Jackie.

There are other Fjords in the neighborhood too, and we thank the Sederstroms, also from Iola, for letting us know about the Midwest Fjord Horse Club.

# One Wintry Weekend in Winona - Three Summaries

Submitted by Sophie Fiedler

Neither rain, sleet or snow kept 90 members from attending the annual winter clinic and meeting held February 18 & 19, 2006 at the Minnesota Equestrian Center in Winona, Minn. These Fjord members are as hardy and versatile as their horses.

Karen Maas, our clinician, who is a carded judge of many breeds and an NFHR Evaluator, did an outstanding job of helping us understand what a judge looks for when placing horses in a show class. Karen, a great teacher, is also a fountain of knowledge, answering questions with ease.

A big thanks to the following who brought and performed with their horses: Mike Jehlicka & Helen Schadler, Kristin Lee, Heike Lewandowski, Linda Baker Lottie, Kathy Monroe & Nancy Barmore, Phillip Odden & Else Bigton, and Debbie Ulrich.

Classes included showmanship, English riding, Western riding, a jump course, ground driving, driving single horse, driving pairs and log pull. The horses were first shown by their owners and then members had an opportunity to try hands-on in many of the events. There were individuals I have never seen in the arena before trying showmanship, ground driving and log pull.

The Fjords were all well behaved. Heike showed her stallion performing a jump course and then several girls had an opportunity to try their hand with him as well. Mentors Bob Gudknecht, Rich Hotovy and Mike Sadlon helped in harnessing pairs and demonstrated their skills in the log pull. Had it been timed, I think Bob G. had the fastest log pull time as the audience urged and cheered him on. Phil Odden and Mike Jehlicka did a great job showing their pairs driving.

Debbie Ulrich said, "I was glad I brought my horses, and especially Raude....what a wonderful horse. I tried to learn as much as I could and participated in so many things....and learning is exhausting! My friends, who helped, are so wonderful and had a good time. I think they want Fjords now! I think the weekend turned out really well."

Linda Syverson-Kerr was the ring steward and helped to keep the program moving along smoothly. Laurie With, a member from Little Falls, Minn., took photos of the many owners and participants. Thanks for volunteering!

The dinner was held at Signatures, where the NFHR 25th Celebration dinner will be held, and it was excellent. Dinner was followed by the MWFHC meeting. The officers had spent the day at meetings so President Chuck Kelly could quickly move us through important discussions. Thanks for your hard work.

The Blue Earth Show will be July 24-26, 2006 and the NFHR 25<sup>th</sup> celebration will be October 12-15, 2006.

The NFHR Celebration will be held at the Minnesota Equestrian Center in Winona, Minn. It will include an NFHR Evaluation, Stallion Row, An Evening of

Dancing Fjord Horses, and a Horse Show. There are more details on the NFHR website, [www.nfhr.com](http://www.nfhr.com)

Sign up early for a hotel room. It was stated there has been a lot of confusion at trying to book a hotel at Riverport and Holiday Inn. Hopefully they have their problems resolved now. Please call the hotel directly to book a room and tell them it is under the block of the Norwegian Fjord Horse Show.

Thanks for all who attended the MWFHC winter meeting and clinic. It was another memorable event. Events like these are truly enjoyable to attend; both educational as well as a wonderful place to meet new people, make new friends, reconnect with old friends and talk about how fjord horses enrich our lives.

Submitted by Carol Makosky

It was great meeting internet friends and the other Fjordies once again on Friday night at the social time. Now if only I could remember all the names and get them placed with the correct faces the next time I see them!

I love driving down to Winona through the rolling and rather hilly areas from Eau Claire on and one of these years will take the time to stop and snap some pictures of the spectacular views.

Saturday was a very busy day for those who brought

horses and it was well worth the hauling of them in Friday's strong winds.

**"Frankly, as a person who never plans to enter the show ring, I thought I would be rather bored, but was very wrong."**

**Carol Makosky**

Our clinic this

year was given by Karen Maas and she touched on every part of showing one could imagine.

Frankly, as a person who never plans to enter the show ring, I thought I would be rather bored, but was very wrong. It was all so interesting and she really approached us with what she, as a judge, looks for in the ring.

Someone recorded the whole clinic and I wonder if that video is for sale or use by club members.

The other highlight of the weekend was the Fjord clothing for sale courtesy of All Things Fjord & More and the best part was the surprise sale of \$5 per item on Sunday. What a nice deal and thanks to Linda and Kristin for managing the Fjord item booth at all events of the club.

The dinner was great and the meeting that followed was not too long and never boring. Of course, one of the big topics was the 25th celebration planned for October. I am so fortunate to live fairly close to Winona (three hours if I don't stop to shop along the way) and have already made my hotel reservations for October.

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## Winona Reports Continued...

We again touched on the Blue Earth show and are working with the fair committee to help with more improvements. So, in closing, I will see you at Blue Earth and Winona soon.

### Submitted by Laurie With

As if in recognition of our breed's hearty heritage, Mother Nature chose the weekend of the Midwest Fjord Horse Club's winter meeting to attempt to duplicate the conditions in Norway, giving us a one-two punch with a major snowstorm, followed by the coldest weather we have seen in several years. Saturday morning greeted us with crackling cold air at -15, with some heavy duty wind thrown in just to keep us awake.

Our weekend seminar leader was Karen Maas, a well known judge, and Fjord owner. We all found her to be knowledgeable as well as very approachable, answering all our questions, and directing, as someone put it, a "clinic for the rest of us," a setting in which those who brought green horses could feel comfortable no matter what their level of training and experience.

Karen touched on many areas of interest for those of us with Fjords, all highlighting their versatility. She included showmanship, English riding, ground driving, cart driving, Western riding and log skidding, a crowd favorite. There were horses participating for each discipline and at various levels of training.

When discussing English riding, we were able to watch Heike Lewandowski riding her stallion, Thor (Wags O'Thorson), whom she has shown in dressage and jumping, along with two less experienced horses, for whom the event was a good learning and socialization time.

Kristin Lee was riding Yaeger, whom she purchased last year. During the time she's been working with him, he's done a demo at the Minnesota Horse Expo and showed at Blue Earth last summer, but he's still a youngster and this was a new location for him.

Also riding was Lisa Douglas, with Deb Ulrich's gelding, Tore. Though he was described by his owner as very green, Lisa showed us great examples of patience and quiet as she rode him through his case of nerves, even working with him over a small jump, something he had not yet done.

The ground driving was a hit, with many participants offering their horses for a try by those of us watching. A small pattern was set up and Heike convinced me that Thor would be glad to help me through the pattern. I was a little nervous, since I haven't ever driven anything without wheels. It went well, and I even got a surcingle since then, in the hopes that spring will be here soon and I can give it a try with my horse, Oz.

Several teams also brought carts and showed us about driving, including Mike Jehlicka and his four-year-old

mare, Lila; and Deb Ulrich and her very pregnant mare, Raude. Mike and Phil Odden also gave tips on driving a team. Karen provided us with information both from a judge's view and from a safety standpoint for both horse and rider/drivers.

The last demo on her list was an introduction to log skidding, which was really appealing to a lot of us. Many participants had a go at it, with help from the more experienced skidders in attendance.

In addition to Karen providing tips for both the seasoned Fjord owner as well as novices, two participants



*Heike Lewandowski and Kristin Lee participated in the clinic with their Fjords.*

*Photo by Laurie With*

stand out in my mind. One was Deb Ulrich's mare, who though she was pregnant, worked quietly in all the events and was helpful in teaching those who used her in the demos.

The other was Heike Lewandowski's stallion, Thor. She has worked a lot with this boy since she got him, and he

## Winona Continued...

has got to be one of the most well-mannered horses I have encountered, Fjord or not, stallion or not. I have often heard Fjord owners say that a Fjord stallion is not like others, that often people don't even realize that they are stallions, and he certainly proved that with his wonderful manners all weekend.

Not only that, but he was cheerful and cooperative no matter what we threw at him. He let others try him out for jumping, and for ground driving. He rode Western and in a bosal, even though it was new to him. He rode bareback, and finally Heike showed him the log skid. While she stood listening to Rich Hotovy giving tips on how to work it, the look on Thor's face made us certain that he was just watching the others and figuring it out for himself. And that was close to the truth. He and Heike worked the course with no problems, and the last run of the day was when Bob Gudknecht ran him through the cones at speed. They didn't miss a beat.

Even though it was cold, I got the impression that all of us had a good time, and were impressed with what he saw and heard. Thanks, Karen, for a very informative weekend.

Thanks also to the Winter Meeting Committee: Sophie Fiedler, Phillip Odden, Linda Syverson-Kerr and Debbie Ulrich for staging such a great event.



### In Memory of Lyall Mathison July 25, 1918 - February 21, 2006

Lyall Mathison, Waukesha, Wis., a good friend of the Midwest Fjord Horse Club, passed away on February 21, 2006.

Lyall enjoyed attending club events with his daughter, and his daughter, MWFHC member Judy Mathison, especially the winter meetings.

He liked to tell stories about the old days, when farming with horses was commonplace. In turn, he appreciated visiting with club members who continue the traditions of using horses around the farm.

Lyall especially enjoyed a trip to Agnes Lee's farm in the fall of 2003 to observe an old-fashioned threshing. Lyall wrote the following for the Fall 2003 issue of the MWFHC newsletter:

"This visit brought back so many memories for me from growing up on the farm and doing all of these things: cutting grain with a binder that puts it in bundles, then shocking it so it could dry until it was ready for threshing.

I have hauled many loads of grain from the field with teams of horses (including my favorites, Chubby and Star) and pitched many bundles from the wagon into the threshing machine. It is good to see that some people still enjoy doing things the old-fashioned way. I appreciated the invitation and opportunity to be taken back to earlier times, when this was the way things were done on the farm."

While growing up, Lyall was the kid in the family who loved caring for and driving the horses. This love of horses and driving receded into the background when Lyall married, had a family, and started and managed Mathison Metalfab. However, in the early 1980s, Lyall's wife and daughters were not surprised when he bought a small hobby farm outside of Waukesha and, before too long, acquired a team of Belgian draft horses. This team was seen regularly in the Wauwatosa Fourth of July parade, the Waukesha Christmas parade, and numerous others over the years.

In the late 1990s, Lyall downsized to a pair of Norwegian Fjord Horses and continued to drive in community parades. He was pleased when his daughter Judy, who also had a lifelong love of horses, expressed an interest in learning to drive the team. Father and daughter spent many Sunday afternoons together enjoying the horses.



*Lyall Mathison out kicking up some snow  
with his Fjord geldings.  
Photos submitted by Judy Mathison*

# Winona in Pictures

To view additional pictures of the Winona Clinic or to order copies, check out this website:

<http://livinginoz.smugmug.com/gallery/1231083/1/57670395>



**Photos by  
Laurie With**

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# The Old Stallion

Submitted by Deb Gilbertson

Ole Anders, at age 24, can be described as the very old classical type Fjord. All 13.2 hands of him evoke a very well defined, round, heavier muscled body with ample bones. His powerful fore legs are covered with thick dark horizontal zebra stripes. His magnificent eyes are like the big Fjord lakes that melt you into adoration in his presence.

The old timers describe him as having "got mote." His beautiful arched neck is

strong and heavier than other stallions, but does not detract from his balance in conformation and enhances his well-rounded jowls. His body muscles remain well-defined and state that he is a stallion.

The old way is how he has lived for the past six years. He prides himself by pasturing with his beloved Maggie and Birka Marie. He is gentle with his offspring that pasture right beside him. He lives in his little herd and stands majestically amongst them. Anders is gentle whenever he breeds any mare.

Some people believe that Fjords should be bred to be taller. The change will enhance the breed as they no longer have to be used primarily for plowing and pulling out timber from the forests. Anders is not their cup of tea. But, it is so difficult for others, like me, to let go of this type of conformation.

Old ways are still very much a part of my life. Here are some examples:

My church makes lefse and just had the new fellowship hall decorated with rosemaling.

I pleaded with my old cowboy, Lyle, to please, please restore our nearly fallen over two-holer outdoor toilet. A two-hole outdoor facility used to mean a farm family was doing alright. It is so fun to decorate.

Depression glass is one of my passions because it was my grandma's china.

There is nothing sweeter to my ears than a Norwegian accent because that is what I grew up hearing.

The old classic-style Fjord was my secret dream to someday own after I saw the movie "The Vikings." By the time my dream unfolded, I knew exactly what I wanted if only I could find it. Anders was everything that I wanted and more. He is my secret dream come true.

Iduna Acres is where Anders lived when I first say him at the top of a lovely sloping green

hill. My heart pounded as I saw my dream come to life. That was six years ago.

To talk my cowboy into buying him, I had to tell him about "My Eye." Oh, he already believed that I had an uncanny eye for a city girl who never lived on a farm, given my picks of sheep and calves. I'm like my Grandpa Lloyd Nelson, who at one time was a cattle buyer and well-respected for his good eye. I have always had this skill. I look at a herd or group of animals and consistently pick out the best. I have fun at a horse show because I so often agree with the judges and match their placing.

I softly told Lyle that Anders was just the exact horse we needed, even if he was in the market for a nice gelding or mare. I promised Lyle that if he let me pick out a mare, Anders would give him some very nice horses that would be sound, gentle and worthy of training and competing. I knew that my Norwegian cowboy would not care if he didn't raise the tallest Fjords because we both think that the way our grandfathers farmed was an honorable and beautiful way to live. Lyle still thinks plowing with a horse is a lot of fun.

I believe that Anders will produce a great stallion before he leaves me. Why not think that he will give Lyle a champion, because Lyle gave me my dream in Anders? I promised Lyle that he will even be pretty tall, and he just smiled.



# Blue Earth Turns 21!

## We're All Legal and Adults Now!

Submitted by Pat Holland

First of all once again I'd like to thank EVERYONE who made last years show so wonderful. I continue to get mail from people who heard about what we have at Blue Earth and want to be a part of it. Congratulations to ALL of you.

I'd also like to thank everyone for suggestions on the show, I listened and have tried to "tweak" the schedule and the classes to meet your needs.

Our Judge this year is Jim Havelhurst and our show committee is: Pat Holland - Chairman; Nancy Hotovy - Past Chairman; Jessica Katzman - Trail Division; Andrew Hinrichs - Driving Division; Rich Hotovy - Draft Division; Patti Jo Walter - Riding Division; Susie Sadlon - Trophies; Mary Ofjord - MWFHC Treasurer and on-site Treasurer; Therine Gudknecht - MWFHC Secretary and on-site Secretary; Kit Davis, Bob Gudknecht and Andrew Hinrichs - Safety Delegates; Robin Holland - Data Organizer.

This year's show will offer even more classes, 67 in total. Many of the classes are the same, but are divided by age and discipline. For example: Adult and Youth English Pleasure, Adult and Youth Western Pleasure, Adult and Youth Horsemanship Western, Adult and Youth English Equitation.

I separated the Green Horse walk/trot to one for Western and another for English - because we saw how difficult it was to have our green horses try to maneuver around each other and not allow us to show our green horses safely and at their best.

I've reworked the schedule so that the English classes are before the Western. Horses doing both can be worked down a bit before in order to work the Western divisions with ease.

We added a Key Hole race in the gaming division and divided the Barrel Race into 18 and Under and 19 and Over.

And we've added a NEW gaming class! Those of you who usually leave early **HAVE** to stay around for this one, as it's the last class and will be so much fun to watch and participate in this game. It's called a Farmer's Race - it was brought to my attention by Tyler and Dawn Schlickman and the draft people who do this at their shows. It sounds like a hoot!

Two sets of teams with two people aboard (a driver and a mate) race each other, pulling a stone boat with bales of hay - you serpentine through three sheets of plywood - the mate has to throw the bales onto the boards - and either stay on the boat, or get back on before the driver can go forward. The full description will be in the show packet I send out in May, but I tell you if you have a team of horses, find yourself a good mate with sea legs - and have a good

time. It's **OUR WAY of ending the show with laughter and fun.**

Lastly I would like to clear up a bit of confusion over terminology. At Blue Earth we have always called our **Novice** classes that which a person has never won **ONE blue ribbon** before.

In the outside world a Novice is a Novice until they have won **THREE Blues**....we are sticking to the **ONE Ribbon** rule in order to give our beginner people a fair chance.

Please also note that in our one and only **Maiden Class**, the criteria is that the horse has not won **A FIRST OR SECOND PLACE OTHER THAN GREEN HORSE DRIVING** before this show.

All class descriptions are written in as clear and basic a format as we can, considering our various backgrounds and disciplines. Please, when you get your show packets take the time to read them and if you have any questions, **ALWAYS** feel free to ask me or any of the show committee listed above. That is what we are there for.

2006 is going to be a very busy year for all of us with our Fjords, with the Celebration of the NFHR 25th year and Evaluations throughout the country. We will be busy and on the road a lot. The Blue Earth Show remains the standard and, through all of your great loyalty to this event and our "user friendly" reputation, we look forward to seeing all of you again, July 24, 25, and 26 in Blue Earth.

## Classified Ads

**All Things Fjord & More** Specializing in Fjord Horse design gifts and clothing. [www.allthingsfjord.com](http://www.allthingsfjord.com) Linda Lottie (218)937-5658, Kristin Lee (952)472-5617

**Fjord Pony Express** Publishes the annual ALL Norwegian Fjord Horse Calendar and original Fjord art and T-shirts. See the web site for all the new items. [www.painteasycalendar.html](http://www.painteasycalendar.html) or (401)789-2062, Totem Farm, 319 Waites Corner Rd, West Kingston, RI 02892.

**Ingrid's Customized Artwork**, Gifts & Embroidered Apparel for the Fjord, Friesian or Icelandic Horse Lover. Please visit my webpage: [www.fullmoonfarm.us](http://www.fullmoonfarm.us) and follow the links, or call (440)236-9630. Thank you and happy trails!

## Three Gaits Inc., Sandy and a Fjord named Nora

Submitted by Marilyn Radtke

Three Gaits is a therapeutic horsemanship center located south of Madison in Stoughton, Wisc.

Nora is an eight-year-old Fjord mare who was donated to the center as a therapeutic riding candidate, but has become the pony to help Three Gaits clients who do not have strength to sit a saddle but can do their exercises while driving instead.

Sandy is working toward her certification and accreditation with the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARA) as an instructor in driving and works with Nora to achieve this certification.



Nora and Sandy have been working toward their goal for over a year now. Sandy has taken clinics sponsored by NARA, and in addition must have 150 hours of driving instruction by a competent instructor. Wes Licht has shared his knowledge, as well as other members of the Dairyland Driving Club. Pat Fitzgerald, Betsy Freiburger, and Donna Thomas are the members who have given of their time and talent to help Sandy achieve her goal.

Late in 2005, Nora was put on stall rest after suffering a broken splint bone. The prognosis was good, and she was back to work last month. On March 4, she will work with Wes Licht as the clinician and Sandy as the whip when they give a demonstration of the advantages of therapeutic driving as Three Gaits hosts the Region #6 Conference for NARA. This region includes Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Canada.

Three Gaits is a volunteer program which has been very successful in helping thousands of people, young and old, explore new worlds and overcome obstacles through therapeutic riding and now through therapeutic driving, with Sandy and a Fjord named Nora.

Anyone interested in further information can contact the Three Gaits office at (608)873-1929.

## New Members

Jackie Trzebiatowski  
Circle T Horse Farm  
Iola, WI

Carol J. & Roger L. Watkins  
Mt. Horeb, WI

Patricia Schroder  
Iowa City, IA

Curtis Pierce & Marsha Korose  
Deep Creek Farm  
Mathias, WV

Erin & Joseph Yanish  
Vista Ridge Farms  
Litchfield, MN

Vel Orth  
Marshall, MN

## Welcome Back!

Janet Voeltz  
Jefferson, WI

## MWFHC Mission Statement

The mission of the Midwest Fjord Horse Club is to promote high-quality, versatile Fjord horses, encourage their use in any discipline, educate people about the Fjord horse and promote fellowship amongst Fjord enthusiasts.

## From the Editor

Uff da, another big newsletter! Thanks to the membership for providing so many good stories and photos. Our classified ad section continues to grow as well.

Also, many thanks to the club officers for approving the purchase of new design software. I put it straight to the test with this issue and I'm looking forward to working with DeeAnna Weed, MWFHC web mistress, to get the entire newsletter onto the website, complete with hyperlinks to the various web sites and email addresses mentioned in the newsletter.

The deadline for the summer issue is June 1.

Martha Martin  
news@mwfhc.org

# Classified Ads

This space is available for MWFHC members to place free Fjord-related ads, up to 70 words.

**Training:** Pat Holland Training All-weather facilities on my home farm in Northwestern Illinois. (815)591-3658  
pholland@internetni.com www.pathollandtraining.com

**Training:** I like to do both ring work and trail work to keep your Fjord's mind fresh and happy. Also taking a few in on consignment. Have a nice Fjord that you need to sell? Contact me, let's see if I can help you. Patti Jo Walter, Francis Creek Fjords, Two Rivers, WI (920)755-4387 dwalter@lakeside.net or www.franciscreekfjords.com

**Stallion Service:** Smedsmo Graen, Gray Fjord stallion imported from Norway. If you want inherited first class disposition, solid conformation, free athletic movement, and up-headed appearance in your Fjord babies consider booking Smedsmo Graen. Live cover or AI breeding contracts available in 2005. We do our best to cooperate with you, the mare owner, to get her in foal. We can also transport your mare. Call Phillip Odden, (715)468-2780 email nww@norskwoodworks.com

**Stallion Service:** Fair Acres Ole, 14.3hh, 9 inch cannon bone, Silver 2, Gold 2 rating. BEST part is his disposition A++++ He also throws great shoulders, hips and substance on his babies, plus a wondering thinking brain. See www.franciscreekfjords.com for complete details on Ole and breeding/booking fees. \$1000.00 2006 stud fee Patti Jo Walter, dwalter@lakefield.net or 920 755-4387

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**Stallion Service:** Kimpton Brook's Eiken Var, son of "Solar". '05 LaCrosse Eval. scores of 8.5 head, 8 neck, 8 body, 8.25 overall and 8.25 type. His daughter received 8.75 on walk and 8.25 on trot, along with her Silver and Gold white Medallion of Quality Owned by Susan Crawford, standing at Pat Holland's Fieldstone Farm & Stable. \$950 introductory fee, LFG Contact Pat Holland, (815)591-3658, or pholland@internetni.com www.pathollandtraining.com

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**For Sale:** GREEN VALLEY FARM has several outstanding Fjords for sale. You can view them on the Sale Page on our website or in the Fjord Herald, Issue 76. Contact Sophie at (815)777-6008 or [sophie@greenvalleyfarm.com](mailto:sophie@greenvalleyfarm.com), or visit [www.greenvalleyfarm.com](http://www.greenvalleyfarm.com)

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