

Midwest Fjord Horse Club

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Winter 2006-07 Newsletter

Calendar of Events

- February 23-25, 2007 MWFHC Winter Meeting and Clinic
Rock Falls, Ill.
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- April 20-22, 2007 Midwest Horse Fair
Madison, Wis.
www.midwesthorsefair.com
- April 27-29, 2007 Minnesota Horse Expo
St. Paul, Minn.
www.mnhorseexpo.org
- July 23-25, 2007 Blue Earth Show
Blue Earth, Minn.
Contact: Pat Holland
(815)591-3658
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- August 11-12, 2007 NFHR Evaluation
LaCrosse, Wis.
Contact: Sophie Fiedler
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President's Message

Greetings all!

Dawn Schlickman is putting together a very interesting [Winter Meeting](#) on February 23-25, in northern Illinois.

We will also be having our **second Fundraiser Auction** at this year's Winter Meeting.

The proceeds from the last auction were used to purchase a computer system and software for the Treasurer.

We are contributing to the new warm up arena at Blue Earth, and we also have requests to help some other nonprofit groups.

We have **elections for officers** coming up this spring. If you are interested in running for an office let us know. Look for more on this in the coming months.

The **2007 Blue Earth Show** will be held July 23-25, 2007.

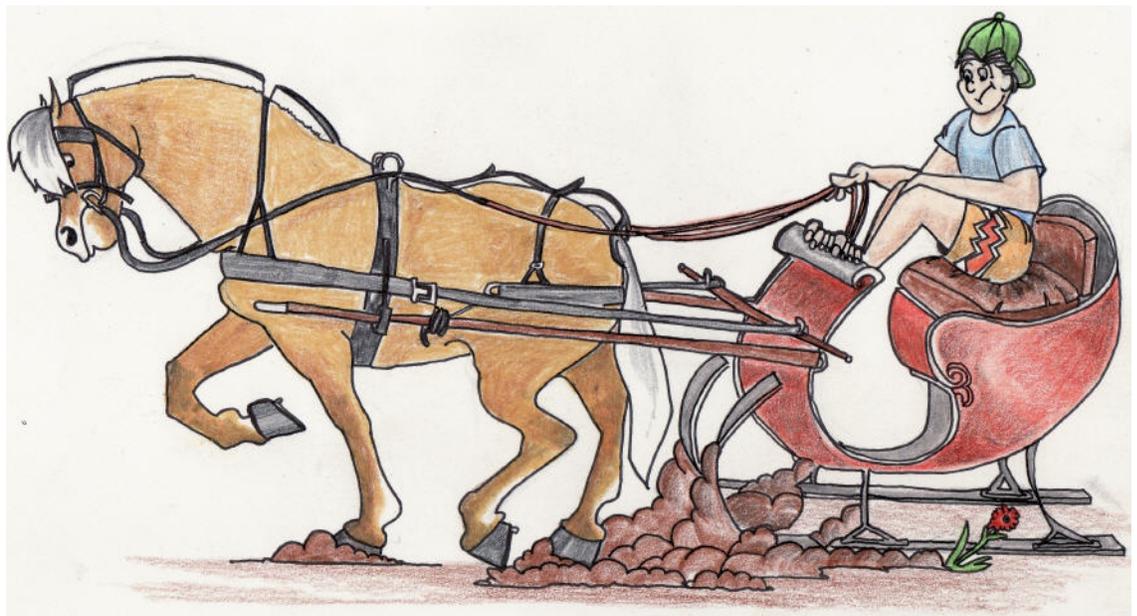
As you can see the Fjord world is ever on the move and just seems to be getting better and better.

See you at the Winter Meeting!

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While our Fjord friends out west receive most of the nation's snow, Midwesterners will have to settle for mud and above average temperatures...for now.

Artwork drawn and submitted by Pat Holland.



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Winter Meeting Highlights

Submitted by Dawn Schlickman

Hello Fellow Club Members,

I just wanted to remind everyone know that the Winter Meeting will be held Feb. 23-25 in Rock Falls, Illinois at the Wahl Equestrian Center. By now everyone should have gotten their information packets, if you have not please let me know. Room reservations can be made by calling the Country Inn & Suites at (815)625-3200. Remember to mention you are with the "MWFHC".

Here is a brief overview of what is planned:

Friday Afternoon & Evening:

Those bringing horses can get them settled in at the Wahl Equestrian Center located in Sterling, Illinois. Check in time is anytime on Friday.

Check in at the Country Inn Suites located in Rock Falls, Illinois begins at 3:00 p.m..

There will be a room at the Candlelight Inn (right across the parking lot from the Country Inn Suites) for socializing from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. to enjoy a drink and meal with all our Fjord friends. What a great time to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones. Drinks and food are your responsibility.

Saturday:

A Continental breakfast is offered at the hotel from 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m..

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. – English and Western Saddle Fitting lectures and evaluations at the Wahl Equestrian Center. We will be starting promptly at 9:00 a.m.. Limited to the first 8 horses that sign up. A prepayment of \$130 is required.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – There will be a Concession Stand open at the Center for lunch or you can brown bag it.

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Harness/Vehicle Fitting lecture and evaluation will be held in the main arena and the saddle evaluations will continue. Limited to the first 8 horses that sign up. No prepayment required.



*Following a first place finish in the leadline class, Syd Eisbach sizes up her future competition from the rail.
Photo submitted by Sophie Fiedler*

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – The warm up arena will be open for people to gather and socialize before dinner. Please remember that if you want mixed drinks, you will need to bring your own liquor. Also depending on the weather (keep your fingers crossed for warm weather) the temperature in the arena could be cool, so dress appropriately.

6:00 p.m. – “Dinner in the Dirt” Buffet will be served.

7:00 p.m. – MWFHC Meeting with Auction to follow. Remember to bring your auction items and checkbook. If you have questions about the auction, please contact Syl or Anne Weyker at (262) 285-3717 or at crfarm@execpc.com. Once the auction is finished we will be having a dance. A local band that plays old time country, and bluegrass music will provide entertainment. So plan on staying and dancing or visiting until 11:00 p.m..

Sunday:

A Continental breakfast is offered at the hotel from 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m..

9:00 a.m. - ? – Karen Turvey of the Wahl Equestrian Center will be giving a Desensitizing/Horsemanship Clinic. We will be starting promptly at 9:00 a.m.. There is room for 8 horses to participate in the clinic. No prepayment is required. Karen will finish the clinic after lunch if needed.

Hoping to see everyone there! If you have any questions, please let me know.

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NFHR 25th Anniversary

Submitted by Howard & Sophie Fiedler

The 25th celebration was a wonderful experience. It was great to see old friends and make new ones. Thank you to all who participated, attended and helped in many ways to make this event possible. We wouldn't have had such an amazing turnout without your efforts.

Green Valley Farm had many reasons to celebrate at the end of the 25th. We brought 5 horses to the show. Each came home with bragging rights. Kastanjegardens Fernando received an 86 in the NFHR Evaluation with a 9.5 for his trot and a S2 & G4 for Performance.

Two of his daughters received Medallions of Quality. His 2 year old son, GVF Sjolokade, was placed 1st by all 3 judges in the 2 & 3 year old Stallion Halter Class and then went on to become the NFHR 25th Anniversary Show Grand Champion Stallion. Juleika received a Blue ribbon for conformation and a S4&G4 in performance and she was the Reserve Grand Champion Mare.

We had the pleasure of hosting Birgit Mortensen, Henrik Dahl and the Brokholm Family from Denmark and Bob & Joke van Bon from Holland. We spent many hours together talking about bloodlines, temperament and versatility.

They all had a wonderful time at the 25th and enjoyed meeting so many of you. They also enjoyed visiting the sights of Galena, visiting the Mississippi River Museum and a grand trip to Chicago. Dan & Solveig Watanabe & Peg Knutsen joined us one evening for an International Dinner.



*Green Valley Farm, Galena, Ill., hosted several Fjord friends from Denmark following the NFHR celebration in Winona, Minn.
Photo submitted by Sophie Fiedler*



Kastanjegardens Fernando, exhibited by Henrik Dahl for Green Valley Farm, and his 9.5 trot during the evaluation. Photo by Laurie With

Evaluation at Winona

Submitted by Sophie Fiedler

The NFHR 25th was an event to be very proud of -- from Stallion Row, the Horse Show, An Evening of Dancing Fjords to the Evaluation.

As Co Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee, I would like to thank our evaluators: Karen Cabic, Jim Havelhurst and Wayne Hipsley (Senior Evaluators) and Beth Beymer, Brian Jensen and Karen Maas for a job well done. They did an excellent job of educating us as they commented on each horse when they were brought back in and presented their ribbons.

Thanks to all who participated. This was our largest evaluation to date with 49 Fjords doing 38 conformation tests and 60+ performance tests. Results will be published in the next Herald.

A big thanks to all the volunteers who helped. I know I will miss many who helped but have to name a few:

Alan Merrill, who measured the height and cannon bone of all conformation horses and was also in charge of setting up the utility courses with many helpers.

Sandy North, Else Bigton & Prudence Truman stepped up to photo all the evaluation horses when the hired photographer had a problem.

Roger Cabic, Genie Dethloff, Sharon Makurat and Mark McGinley were always there to lend a hand.

A special thanks to Mike and Renee May for doing all the paperwork.

We Need YOUR Help for the Fund-Raising MWFHC Auction

Submitted by Anne and Syl Weyker

We're looking forward to a successful fund-raising auction at the Midwest Fjord Horse Club's Winter Meeting, Feb. 23-25. Members are encouraged to donate – or to solicit donations – to this worthy fund-raiser.

Those of you who attended the 2005 meeting will remember the many wonderful items that were sold at the Silent Auction, which took place during the Saturday evening dinner and the Live Auction that followed. Nearly \$5000 were raised at that first event, exceeding our expectations. We hope to surpass that in 2007.

What to bring? Past donations included a hand-made quilt, blankets, horse tack, clothing, notecards, gift baskets, hand-forged iron pieces, pottery, farm signs, etc. You can donate items on your own or solicit donations from businesses or individuals.

To date we've received a few items donated by vendors at the Fjord anniversary celebration in Winona as well as a note from Linda Syverson Kerr, who is donating a Fjord saddle stand. Please consider adding your name and item(s) to the list of 2007 auction donations.

Contact Syl and Anne Weyker at crfarm@execpc.com to let them know what you are donating and its approximate value. A short description of the item is also helpful.

We hope to receive donations by February 15 to facilitate organization for the auction, but will accept any and all items that show up that weekend! Syl and Anne live in southeastern Wisconsin and can also be contacted at (262)285-3717.

From the Editor

Well, after 15 issues of MWFHC News, it's time for me to hand over the reins to a new editor. I volunteered to rejuvenate the newsletter during the 2003 winter meeting and I've sincerely enjoyed the experience.

The Midwest Fjord Horse Club has so many talented and active members that make it easy to put together interesting issues. Some of my favorite stories over the years include:

“Visiting Fjord Friends” by Judy Mathison, detailing a visit she and her dad, Lyall, made to Agnes Lee's farm during threshing season. (Fall '03);

“Have you heard the one about Ole and Lena - the true story of Fjord twins” by Guy Martin (OK, so I'm a little biased on this one). The article introduced strong and healthy Fjord yearling twins at a Deerfield, Wis., farm. (Spring '04);

“Blue Earth for the first time” by Kay Van Natta. It's impossible to read anything Kay writes without smiling! (Fall '04);

“Here comes the bride...Norwegian style” by Phil Odden. I always enjoy Phil's writings here, on the Fjord Digest and in the Fjord Herald. The historical information he includes is tremendous. (Spring '05)

Additionally, I would like to thank Else Bigton, Bob Mischka and Laurie With for many great photos, Pat Holland for her excellent artwork and articles covering Blue Earth and more, Sophie Fiedler for pictures and articles covering many NFHR events, Karin Peterson and Chuck Kelly for getting me the President's Messages without too many reminders! ☺

Thanks to Sharon Falck and Mary Ofjord for sending the membership labels my way and to Patti Jo Walter for articles, ads and helping me get the newsletter off the ground in 2003. Also, thank you to DeeAnna Weed for getting the newsletters onto the website.

There are easily 20 more members who have sent me photos, stories and ads over the years. Please know that without you, the Midwest Fjord Horse Club would not have a newsletter. My most sincere thanks to ALL of you.

I'm looking forward to reading the next generation of the MWFHC News and my family and I will continue to enjoy visiting with our Fjord friends at MWFHC and NFHR events.

*Many Thanks,
Martha Martin*



*From my family to yours,
Wishing you all a Happy 2007!*

Trying Something New!

Rollinghills Stable Owners, Mark and Lorrie Tolmie,
try something new!

Submitted by Lorrie Tolmie

Mark and I have been riding horses for a very long time before we discovered the Norwegian Fjord pony. We went to buy hay and found Fjords! I fell in love instantly and I had to have one of them.

Santa came that year, but not down the chimney and not driven by eight tiny reindeer...he came in a Dodge pick-up truck pulling a horse trailer. That year there were no Christmas presents under the tree. But...what did I find in a stall in my barn? Iduna Acres Elsie, a six-month-old yellow, fuzzy Fjord baby!

We now own four Norwegian Fjords and have one due in April. Mark decided since we have all these Fjords, he'd try his hand at driving.

The 2006 MWFHC Winter Meeting was a great way for us to learn the basics of driving. So...we got our hands "wet." Mark picked out a Fjord and started in. He chose "Wood's Peggy", who, at the time, was a coming three-year-old.

He spent the rest of the spring and all summer driving her in a single cart, around the farm and down the road to town. He was in high heaven and it was time to broaden his horizons.

Dave and Linda Fetting, from the Wagon Wheel Teamsters Driving Club, invited us to join them this fall for their annual drive. The drive took place Sept. 23-24, 2006 in Waumandee, Wis.

Sixty-five people attended, either driving or riding. We traveled a total of 30 miles over the two days. These miles were not just easy "down the road" miles, they were in the hills of Wisconsin. Up, up, up we went, down, over, in, out and through whatever was in our path. We thought if we stayed behind, it would be easier going...NOT! It just gave us more time to swell on what was next.

We had the time of our lives, and we'll do it again next year. Next time I won't be on top of my pony, but like Mark, behind the reins of one.

Thanks to all of the people who helped us get ready for this drive and to the driving club members who helped make our first real driving ride a success.

For more information about this driving club, contact Dave or Linda Getting, (608)626-2931 or Kirt Noll, (608)685-3531.



*Mark and Lorrie Tolmie, Arcadia, Wis., took to the country roads during the Wagonwheel Teamsters annual drive
Photos submitted by Lorrie Tolmie*



Mark Tolmie climbs one of many hills during the two-day drive. According to Lorrie, "The 2006 MWFHC Winter Meeting was a great way for us to learn the basics of driving."

Editor Needed!

Do you enjoy:

- putting puzzles together?
- meeting new people and their horses?
- writing or editing stories?
- taking pictures or working with submitted photos?
- yelling at the computer when it starts meshing all

of your text together? (OK, that problem has been solved thanks to the club's purchase of new software a year ago!)

The MWFHC needs you. After nearly four years, Martha Martin is stepping down as editor.

Some of the requirements include: a computer and internet access, a scanner is helpful; 10-12 hours, four times a year to put together the quarterly issues; and a general knowledge of the English language and newsletter design. The current editor follows the AP Stylebook and Manual and will pass along the club software (Art Explosion Publisher Pro) and a file with the current template, if you wish.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving the club, please contact Chuck Kelly at (563)864-3201, coyote@acrec.com If you would like more information regarding the job description, feel free to contact Martha Martin at (608)832-6202, mgmartin@merr.com

Upcoming Carriage and CDE Events

June 15-17, 2007

Columbus Carriage Classic
Columbus, Wis.

columbuscarriageclassic.org

September 8-9, 2007

Villa Louis Carriage Classic
Prairie du Chien, Wis.

www.carriageclassic.com

August 3-5, 2007

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Caledonia, Ill

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Catherine Kirsling

Waupaca, WI 54981

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Training: Pat Holland Training - proven trainer for Evaluations, riding, driving and draft. On home site offering excellent facilities and over 30 years of experience. www.pathollandtraining.com pholland@internetni.com (815) 591-3658 Standing "Wood's Sven" Silver Medallion of Quality. By "Coleman's Jorge" (out of a Rudaren daughter) Dam is by "Finnmark" (Gromar). Draft in type, dark chocolate brown dun, quiet disposition Live cover only.

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 2007. 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, Blue Ribbon in Conformation, Rec'd his GOLD Medallion in the evaluation system, he is S2 G2. BEST part is his disposition A+! Throws great shoulders, hips and substance on babies, plus a wonderful thinking brain. See www.franciscreekfjords.com for complete details on Ole and breeding/booking fees. \$1000 stud fee. Patti Jo Walter, dwalter@lakefield.net or (920)755-4387

Stallion Service: Kastanjegardens Fernando, Thorvald or Tico for breeding through live Cover or AI (chilled or frozen.) View these outstanding stallions on our website or look for our ad in the Fjord Herald. Please contact us for Conformation and Performance Scores, additional pictures or a video. Call (815)777-6008, email sophie@greenvalleyfarm.com, or visit www.greenvalleyfarm.com

Stallion Service: "WW Reidar", son of "Gjest" out of "Sebastian" daughter "Ranka". Owned by Kathy & Randy Johnson, Montrose, MN (763) 972-8119 standing live cover or shipped cooled at Fieldstone Farm & Stable, Hanover, IL Pat Holland (815) 591-3658. 14-1 hds, brown dun elegance, refinement and outstanding movement. Proven in harness with Championships. The best of Gjest in the Midwest.

Stallion Service: (LFG) WH Stone (Malcom Locke). Blue '03 LaCrosse Eval. conformation & movement! His complete pedigree & picture can be viewed on the NFHR Pedigree page. He is a kind & gentle stallion! His gentleness, willing ways & correct conformation are passed on to his offspring. Son & daughter received Blues in halter classes at 2005 Blue Earth show. Contact: James Hovre, (608)-525-5282, idunaacres@aol.com

Farrier Services: Vista Ridge Farrier, Joe Yanish
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*Member of Minnesota Farrier's Association
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farrier@vistaridgefarms.com or 320-693-2007

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, or visit www.greenvalleyfarm.com

For Sale: Karibu daughters, both brown dun, NFHR registered, coming two year olds. Tømmerstall Astrid, out of Hedda II (Edvard), born 04/27/05. Tømmerstall Nisse, out of Tømmerstall Heldig (Felicity's Orion), born 05/25/05. \$2800 each. Guy and Martha Martin, Tømmerstall Farm, Mount Horeb, WI. (608)832-6202; mgmartin@merr.com

For Sale: 8 year old Brown Dun Fjord Gelding, PPF Vikin, (Rokida's Haakon x Gerd) Vikin is road safe to drive and ride. He is very sweet, quiet with a gentle personality. He is great for beginners or someone who likes an easy horse to work with. Contact Susie for more information. (608)393-4049 dominostbl@baraboo.com

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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.

