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**9:30am - ISU Campus, Ensminger Room, 806 Stange Rd, Ames**  
parking available on the southeast side of the building

**Speaker:** Beatrice Sponseller from ISU Veterinary.

**Topic:** preventative care (vaccinations/deworming/teeth/feet) and nutrition

**IOWA HORSE FAIR DATES FOR 2020**  
**APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup>**

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## THE IOWA HORSE

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# PRESIDENTS' REPORT

*submitted by David Beary*

Greetings everyone, I hope your summer has gone well. By the time you are reading this summer will be over and it will officially be fall. My summer has been busy, and I am sorry to say not much time for riding. Some of you may know I am currently engaged in a project in Arizona that I mostly work remotely from my office in State Center, but I am required to at least monthly spend a week in Phoenix dealing directly with others on the project, sometimes as often as two weeks a month. This summer has been busier than usual as my brother bought some property and I have been helping him – in my spare time – with getting the pasture hay put up on it. My project in Arizona is ending this winter, so I am planning on being in the saddle and engaged with my horses a lot more next year.

Speaking of plans for the future, the annual meeting is coming up January 18th at ISU in Ames (see details in this newsletter) where we present to the members many things like: the state of the Iowa Horse Council (IHC); what we have done over the year; plans for the future; elect new members to the board; and hold the election of officers to serve for the coming year. While we would like to take anyone who says they are willing to volunteer with us, there are some qualifications that our by-laws require us to meet for new board members. The first qualification is that a person wanting to be an Iowa Horse Council board member must be a member in good standing for at least one (1) year and must have rendered service to the IHC or other Iowa equine organizations. Secondly, only one (1) member of an immediate family, living in the same household, can serve on the Board of Directors at any time as a Director or as an Associate Director.

What does this mean? Well, the second one is easy, only one person per household, in the same immediate family, is allowed to be a board member, either as an elected Director or an Associate Director. The first part requires anyone wanting to be elected to the board, have at least one year of Iowa Horse Council membership. That person must also serve the IHC as a volunteer or work with other Iowa equine organizations in some capacity. An Associate Director is nominated by their association with a letter stating such to the board secretary.

The by-laws, in the last few years, were relaxed so that doing work with other Iowa equine organizations also qualifies a person for serving on the board. The main reason for these volunteering qualifications is so that when a new person expresses interest in being a part of the board, we have some assurances the person has an idea what the IHC is and will be an active member. Volunteering with an IHC committee – such as the Horse Fair committee or the Trails

committee – either for committee work or at the Horse Fair, attending meetings, and basically showing that you are reliable and can be counted on goes a long way towards assuring us you will attend board meetings and contribute to discussions of issues before the board. The second thing is that being an IHC member for at least a year shows you have given some thought to what the IHC is and how you might contribute in positive ways and be a part of the IHC organization.

I encourage everyone who thinks they might like to be a board member to become a member of the Iowa Horse Council and attend board meetings. The IHC board meetings are open to the public. Attending board meetings to observe is a good way to get a feel for what the board does and what type of commitment is required to be on the board. Letting an officer of the board know you are interested in serving on the board is also a good idea. I like to know there are people in the horse community that are interested in what the council does and are thinking about how they can get involved with the Council. We are always looking for qualified people of different backgrounds to serve on the board so that we have diverse opinions in board members, and we have a good pool of knowledge to arrive at the best decisions for the Iowa horse industry.

If you are interested in being elected to the IHC board, please contact a current board member and attend one of the monthly council meetings or a committee meeting. In closing, I want to thank the current board members for their continuing service and for their willingness and dedication to step forward to work for solutions to issues that will benefit the Iowa horse industry. We continually look for new board member prospects that we can rely on to further the Horse Council mission statement which reads – The Iowa Horse Council is a volunteer based non-profit organization that believes in the value of horses and horse activities. The Iowa Horse Council (IHC) serves and supports the entire industry through communication, education and promotion.

Happy trails, and God bless.







Iowa Horse Council  
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**Mitchellville,**  
**Iowa**



I have lived in Des Moines all my life. I ended up marrying my 7th grade boyfriend, William. We have been married 15 years. We have two daughters, Lizzy & Saphira and a mini dachshund named Dottie.

I attended DMACC and received an associate degree in Web Development with a certificate for specialization in Graphic Design and Web Developing as well as a certificate in Facebook & Digital Marketing. I currently work at DMACC, on their website.

When not working, I spend my free time with my family, volunteer for Southeast Polk High School marching band, Mitchellville Elementary PTA & an auction house. I also volunteer for the Iowa Horse Council as the secretary and on the Iowa Horse Fair committee as the co-chair for coordinating volunteers.

## IOWA HORSE COUNCIL AWARD NOMINATIONS

Do you know someone who has made a significant contribution to the Iowa Horse Council or to the horse industry in Iowa? If so, consider nominating them for an award. The Iowa Horse Council regularly recognizes the contributions made to the equine industry by Iowa horsemen and horsewomen. Recognition may or may not be given on a yearly basis. Awards include:

### **Hall of Fame, Horseman and Horsewoman of the Year:**

Selected for outstanding contributions for the betterment of horses. Nominations with resumes should come from the general membership. Nominees should display or have displayed the highest attributes of sportsmanship. Their careers should be/have been marked with honesty and a genuine effort to improve the condition(s) of horses and/or horse people.

### **Meritorious Service:**

Awarded to outgoing officers and board members who have rendered outstanding service to the Iowa Horse Council. This award may also be presented to those outside the board who have rendered extraordinary service to the Iowa horse industry.

### **Council Appreciation Award:**

Awarded to members who have rendered outstanding service to the Iowa Horse Council. Can also be used to recognize

members who have served with great distinction on member boards or associations. An appropriate recognition for those regulators, legislators, etc., who are responsible for improving the condition(s) of horses and/or horse people.

### **Individual Achievement Certificate:**

Awarded to horsemen/horsewomen who have had significant success and represented the Iowa horse industry in a positive manner during the year. Recipients can be nominated or selected.

Information on how to nominate a person for the above awards is available from the Awards Committee Chairperson or by downloading the nomination application from the Iowa Horse Council website, <https://www.iowahorsecouncil.org/awards>. All award nominations must be received by October 31st to be considered for this year's awards and will be approved by the IHC Board of Directors at the November board meeting. Awards will be presented to recipients at the Iowa Horse Council Annual Meeting in January.

Plaques listing the names of award recipients are on permanent display in the Clubhouse at Prairie Meadows Race-track and Casino in Altoona, IA.

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SEE APPLICATION FORM ON PAGE 5



# Iowa Horse Council Nomination for Recognition Application

☐ Hall of Fame  
☐ Horseman/Horsewoman of the Year  
☐ Meritorious Service Award  
☐ Council Appreciation Certificate  
☐ Achievement Certificate

**Return by Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> to:** Rebecca Howe  
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Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of Achievements in the horse industry: (please type or clearly print):

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Nomination Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names and addresses of people who would support this nomination:

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(Use back of page for additional space if required, and attach supportive nomination materials)





# 2020 HORSE FAIR REPORT

*submitted by Chris Austin*

Hello Iowa Horse Council!

I wanted to give you a quick update on the progress for the 2020 Iowa Horse Fair. The dates for this year's fair are April 3-5, 2020. We are working hard to improve on last year's fair. We're making some changes in the vendor layout from last year's show. We are also planning to bring in some cattle sorting, cutting and ranch horse work. We're moving our vendor registration, sign up with clinicians and barn stall/bedding registrations to our web page to make it easier to sign up. We are hoping to allow members to purchase tickets online as well. We're once again going to use Rogue rodeo as our stock contractor. The committee is looking into doing a dance/beer garden after the rodeo.

We are going to rent the Walnut center this year and move all our non-horse presenters into this building. They will be easier to find, easier to hear, and we can have more than one presenting at the same time. We're going to incorporate the trails clinic into the fair and do those presentations on Saturday and Sunday. We are adding a photo contest this year, and Megan Runyan has agreed to run it for us. We're going to continue to have the queen contest, and Crystal Brown is going to organize it again for us. She has made several changes to last year's event to make it better. Jill Ostrander has agreed to organize the kid's area again. She is

planning on having pony rides, the petting zoo, games, and a toy horse show. Carla Clark has taken over as our barn manager this year along with doing the avenue of breeds again. Carla did a great job last year and brought in a lot of breeds to the avenue. Susan Anderson will be helping Carla with the barn and avenue of breeds. Justine Dornbier has agreed to organize the avenue of stallions this year and is working on some new ideas to show them off.

Tom Mowrer has agreed to take on our advertising and promotions this year. This is a much-needed area for us so that we can increase our exposure and bring in more attendees. Duly Zwiefel is working on lining up our clinicians and presenters again this year. We are hoping to do colt starting, cattle sorting, cutting, mounted archery, and mounted shooters. Danielle Kunze is doing our web page and Facebook pages. She is working on getting all our registrations on our web page along with any new info posted on the web and Facebook page. Danielle and Sue are our volunteer coordinators and are working hard on coming up with more volunteers to help put on our horse fair. Chris Austin has taken over as the chair of the Iowa Horse Fair, and he should probably be checked for a head injury. If you would like to help with the planning or running of the horse fair this year, we welcome everyone.

You can contact Chris at [lchrisaustin@gmail.com](mailto:lchrisaustin@gmail.com).

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BARN MANAGER/AVENUE OF BREEDS COORDINATOR FOR 2020 IOWA HORSE FAIR

*submitted by Carla Clark*

Hello, my name is Carla Clark and I am the 2020 Iowa Horse Fair Barn Manager. I have been involved in the Iowa Horse Fair event for several years not only as an Avenue of Breeds coordinator, but also as a participant with clinicians, trail challenge exhibitor, and Avenue of Breeds Paint Horse representative. This year I will be responsible for assigning stalls and coordinating all horse needs for clinicians, Avenue of Breeds exhibitors as well as other participants and performers. My partner, Susan Andersen, and I will be coordinating check-in again this year and working as a team throughout the Horse Fair along with the veterinarian onsite to ensure the safety for all horses attending the horse fair. We are looking forward to another exciting event in 2020 and encourage attendance at the barn meeting as very important information is delivered regarding arenas, performance times, and expectations while at the Iowa Horse Fair. We are excited once again to be able to offer fabulous door prizes during the Friday night barn meeting, so mark your calendars as the 2020 Iowa Horse Fair is going to be exciting!!

Furthermore, I also have the responsibility of coordinating the Avenue of Breeds and the Avenue of Breeds parade. Although there were a few bumps last year, I can assure you that this year will be run flawlessly. We are excited to bring back several rare breeds for demonstration and once again offer the crowd selection of Avenue of Breeds "Best in Show" for each division (In-hand, driving, riding) during the Avenue of Breeds parade. So, shine up those boots and get your pony cleaned up for a chance to win one of the fabulous embroidered trophy halters for your Avenue of Breeds exhibit.

Herdsmanship awards will again be awarded throughout the barn this year so bring in the brooms and stall rakes and keep the barn presentable for all spectators.

Lastly, I would like to announce the return of the Stallion Avenue for the 2020 Iowa Horse Fair. This opportunity is being coordinated by the fabulous and super knowledgeable Justine Marshak Dornbier. Please watch for future Facebook announcements of how to be involved in the Stallion Avenue!





TRADESHOW

# 2019 IOWA HORSE FAIR PHOTOS

(Thank you TP Creations!)



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APRIL 3-5<sup>TH</sup>**



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Clinician **STACY TENHUNDFELD**



Clinician **MATT JOBE**





# HAFLINGER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## HAFLINGER



The Haflinger is a breed of horse developed in Austria and northern Italy during the late nineteenth century. Haflinger horses are relatively small, are always chestnut with flaxen mane and tail, have distinctive gaits described as energetic but smooth, and are well-muscled yet elegant. The breed traces its ancestry to the Middle Ages; there are several theories for its origin. Haflingers, developed for use in mountainous terrain, are known for their hardiness. Their current conformation and appearance are the result of infusions of bloodlines from Arabian and various European breeds into the original native Tyrolean ponies. The foundation sire, 249 Folie, was born in 1874; by 1904 the first breeders' cooperative was formed. All Haflingers can trace their lineage back to Folie through one of seven bloodlines.

In the postwar era, the Haflinger was indiscriminately crossed with other breeds and some observers feared the breed was in renewed danger of extinction. However, starting in 1946, breeders focused on producing purebred Haflingers and a closed stud book was created. Interest in the breed increased in other countries and between 1950 and 1974 the population grew. Population numbers continued to increase steadily and as of 2005, almost 250,000 Haflingers existed worldwide. There are breeding farms in several countries, although most of the breeding stock still comes from Austria. In 2003, a Haflinger became the first horse to be cloned, resulting in a filly named Prometea.

Haflingers have many uses including light draft, harness work and various under-saddle disciplines such as endurance riding, dressage, equestrian vaulting and therapeutic riding. The World Haflinger Federation (WHF), the international governing body that controls breed standards for the Haflinger, helps set breeding objectives, guidelines and rules for its member organizations.

The name "Haflinger" comes from the village of Hafling, which today is in northern Italy. Haflingers are always chestnut in color and come in shades ranging from a light gold to a rich golden chestnut or liver hue. The mane and tail are white or flaxen. The height of the breed has increased since the end of World War II, when it stood an average of 13.3 hands. The desired height today is between 13.2 and 15 hands. The breed has a refined head and light poll. The neck is of medium length, the withers are pronounced, the shoulders sloping and the chest deep. The back is medium-long and muscular, the croup is long, slightly sloping and well-muscled. The legs are clean, with broad, flat knees and powerful hocks showing clear definition of tendons and ligaments. The Haflinger has rhythmic, ground-covering gaits. The walk is relaxed but energetic. The trot and canter are elastic, energetic, and athletic with a natural tendency to be light on the forehand and balanced. There is some knee action, and the canter has a very distinct motion forwards and upwards. Some sources recognize two types of Haflinger, a shorter, heavier type used for draft work and a taller, lighter type used for pleasure riding, light driving and under-saddle competition.

Today the breed is used in many activities that include draft and pack work, light harness and combined driving, and many under-saddle events, including western-style horse-show classes, trail and endurance riding, dressage, show jumping, vaulting, and therapeutic riding programs. They are used extensively as dressage horses for children, but are tall and sturdy enough to be suitable riding horses for adults. There are several national shows for Haflingers worldwide, including those in Germany, Great Britain and the United States.

## Don't Miss an Issue!

*It's that time of year again!*

**Time to renew for your 2019 membership.**

**Please notify IHC membership chair of your mailing address changes.**

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*From time to time Members Corral will feature saddle clubs, associations or therapeutic riding school articles. If you have an organization to tell about please contact Dorrine Norby at [BrokenWheelGraphics@outlook.com](mailto:BrokenWheelGraphics@outlook.com)*

*submitted by Angela De La Riva*

## IOWA PINTO ASSOCIATION



Iowa Pinto Horse Association was chartered in 1966. Since then our growth has been from grass roots efforts to offer a family friendly environment for all equestrians. The over reaching goal has been to provide a state level association that embraces all members, in a friendly environment, with competition for all levels of experience. Many who have attended one of our shows or other events have commented on the warm nature and positive culture of the club. This does not happen by osmosis; but due to the club's commitment to an environment that is welcoming and friendly. The club has an outstanding board that leverages their professional talents as well as the talents of the membership. In the last two years we have been awarded the National Pinto Superior Charter award.

Iowa Pinto has an active youth club. You can see the youth support and cheer for one another at all shows. It is so fun to see the youth and the adult alike arrive to a show as strangers and leave as friends!

Each year the club has experienced growth measured not only by numbers (horses, members, financials, class offerings) but also incredible sponsorships and most importantly

positive feedback from those who experience anything to do with Iowa Pinto. We have a variety of classes on our showbill including: All Breed Open(ABO), 4H/FFA as well as all the various Pinto type classes ranging from mini, stock, hunter, pleasure, saddle type and Long Ears. ABO are payback classes.

We offer dual approved classes with three other equine associations including National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA), American Roan Horse Association (ARHA) and Western Saddle Club Association (WSCA).

All members are eligible for weekend Hi-point awards and the opportunity to earn year end Hi-point awards in one of 15 divisions. Another unique honor to strive for is the Owner/Breeder/Exhibitor award. The goal of OBE award is to recognize the accomplishments of grassroots equestrians. Iowa Pinto believes the owner-breeder is a significant contributor to the growth of the industry and breed registry. We also have a yearling triad award for the Yearling that accumulates the most points throughout the show season in halter, in-hand trail and yearling lunge line. Iowa Pinto welcomes anyone to come join the fun.

### IOWA HORSE COUNCIL

## GRANTS & SPONSORSHIPS

Grants are designed to benefit the welfare of horses and support a broad range of horse related projects. Grants are available for projects relating to Education, Animal Welfare and Trails. Amounts will vary between \$100 and \$1000. Grants are not available for buildings, salaries or political causes. Grant applications are reviewed annually and are due by October 1. Application forms and information is available on our website. This year we have \$4000 available. I would encourage anyone who may have a project in mind to submit their application by October 1.

Sponsorships are reviewed and awarded throughout the year. Sponsorships are designed to benefit the welfare of horses and support a broad range of horse related projects. Examples of activities that may receive sponsorship funding include educational clinics, horse shows, 4-H or FFA clinics, etc. Sponsorships are not awarded for buildings, fencing, arena improvement projects, salaries, individuals or political causes. Sponsorship amounts will vary and be between \$50 and \$500. So far this year we have approved six applications and awarded over \$1600. We still have some funding available if anyone has a project in mind. Applications and further details are available on our website.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.  
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# Calendar of Events

Attention: Breed Organizations, Saddle Clubs and all other horse groups! We need your calendar information to include on this page. If you want the Iowa Horse world to know about your shows, meetings, or any events, let us help you promote your event by publishing it on our calendar page! If you don't send it to us, how will we know about it?

Date	Event	Location	Contact Person
October 18-20	Iowa Pinto Show	Kirkwood Community College	Angela De La Riva, (515) 835-9334 angeladelariva@gmail.com
October 19	Wolfe Ranch Harvest Party	Marshalltown	641-752-6446, wolferanchquakerdale@gmail.com
October 20	Mid Iowa Driving Association, Earlham Drive	Earlham	Al Neumann, (515) 789-4572
November 1-2	Iowa Arabian Horse Association Spooktacular (unrated)	Iowa Equestrian Center, Cedar Rapids	Kelly Kaut, 319-491-5069, kklkaut@aol.com
November 2	Iowa Arabian Horse Association Mayflower Sport Horse & Dressage	Iowa Equestrian Center, Cedar Rapids	Kelly Kaut, 319-491-5069, kklkaut@aol.com
November 3	Iowa Arabian Horse Association Spooktacular ODS	Iowa Equestrian Center, Cedar Rapids	Kelly Kaut, 319-491-5069, kklkaut@aol.com
November 9	Back Country Horsemen of Iowa, Annual Meeting	Machine Shed, Des Moines	Robert Heflin, 712-579-1287, Robert.heflin@bchia.org,
November 17	Mid Iowa Driving Association, Fall Membership Meeting	Marshalltown	Phil Duey, 515 987-1685
December 13-14	Wolfe Ranch Christmas at the Stables	Marshalltown	641-752-6446, wolferanchquakerdale@gmail.com
January 18	Iowa Horse Council Annual Meeting	Iowa State University in Ames	Peggy Aurweda, 515-290-9797, peggy@iastate.edu
April 3-5	IOWA HORSE FAIR	Des Moines Fairgrounds	Chris Austin, 515-708-1817, lchrisaustin@gmail.com

Send us the dates for your next event...

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## Membership Form

*Membership runs from January 1 to December 31, 2019*

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# TRAIL NEWS



## **RECREATION NOT RED-TAPE (RNR) ACT of 2017 (H.R. 3400, S. 1633)**

**Congress Must Pass the Recreation Not Red-Tape (RNR) Act, Promote the Nation's Trails!**

### **Background:**

The U.S. horse industry, which supports nearly one million American jobs and contributes \$122 billion to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), urges Congress to pass the bipartisan Recreation Not Red-Tape (RNR) Act (H.R. 3400/S. 1633). This important bill will increase access to the nation's trails for recreational riders and other outdoor enthusiasts. Importantly, the RNR Act leverages taxpayer dollars by allowing the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to promote the role of volunteers in trail maintenance. The bill also cuts red tape by allowing the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and BLM to develop a "trail management plan" that assures uniform maintenance standards for trails managed by two different agencies. These efficiencies will improve the "outdoor experience" for all Americans seeking to enjoy the country's natural resources, including equestrians, while maximizing taxpayer dollars. Groups including the American Horse Council, the Back Country Horsemen of America, the Outdoor Industry Association, and the Western Governors' Association all support the RNR Act.

### **Status:**

Since House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Rob Bishop (R-UT) introduced the RNR Act in 2017, the chairman conducted a full committee hearing, resulting in passage of the legislation on April 18, 2018. Because the bill has passed the committee, House leadership has the discretion to schedule a vote on H.R. 3400 before the end of the year. The legislation currently has six bipartisan co-sponsors.

On the other side of the Capitol, Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) introduced a companion bill, S. 1633, which has won bipartisan co-sponsorships from Sens. Ernst (R-IA), Tester (D-MT) and King (I-ME). Although leadership has referred the bill to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, no hearings have yet been scheduled.

### **Take Action:**

**House Message:** Tell your lawmaker to co-sponsor the RNR Act, and put some horsepower into a bill that has gained momentum since it passed a key committee vote in April! Also, ask your representative to urge Speaker Ryan (R-WI) and Minority Leader Pelosi (D-CA) to schedule a vote on the House floor, and pass the bi-partisan RNR Act!

**Senate Message:** Tell your senators to join the list of co-sponsors of S. 1633, and build support for this important measure that will promote recreational riding on the nation's trails! If your senators are already co-sponsors, thank them for their support, and ask them to recruit senate colleagues to join the bipartisan group of RNR Act supporters.



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