

ALBERTA DONKEY AND MULE CLUB NEWS, AUGUST, 2016

It with great sadness that we extend our condolences to the families of two people that have been involved with our club. Dale Pierce, husband of Angie Pierce [Jensen] passed away in June of cancer. Angie and Dale had been very involved in the last few years with Competitive Riding with their Arab horses but still loved mules and donkeys including their own. They judged our Longears Show last year. Not even a week after Dale's passing, we also lost Ethel Hollihan, a member of the club ever since it formed in 1989, and our secretary/treasurer for many of those years. Ethel and her husband Merv had been dedicated and hard workers in the club and they both worked faithfully every year at many events including our annual longears show. All will be sorely missed.



Ethel and Merv Hollihan on their mules a few years ago at our annual Longears Show

Jerry Tindell will be finished up with our series of clinics across Alberta, helping mule, horse and donkey owners develop better skills and training methods in handling and enjoying their stock. Again, feedback is so positive that there is no question that his presence is wanted back for next year.



Participants in the Colt Starting [or restarting] class at the Jerry Tindell Clinic at Lakedell Arena, Westeros AB. in June. Jerry's in the middle on his great mule Doc who assisted all the colts in the round pen.

On every mule and donkey lover's mind right now is our new and revised 27 edition of our annual Longears Show which will be held at Eagle Hill Equine, 26 km west of Olds AB. Join us for our ALBERTA LONGEARS SHOW, August 13 -14. A big indoor arena guarantees us a good show, rain or shine! If you arrive on Friday join us for a trail ride in the area and you might like to join the Drill Team Practice Friday evening. Please bring a donation to our Fun Auction on Saturday evening.

The full class list is on our website, including special classes for the miniature donkeys and smaller mules or hinnys. Also new will be Western Dressage Classes. Camping is free for everyone and registration is only \$20 per family which enables entry into as many classes as you like! Please reserve your Saturday evening supper tickets beforehand by calling 403 556-1195. The famous "Tennessee mule artist" Bonnie Shields will be in attendance, along with friends from Tennessee. And the huge attraction is a special evening Concert by Tim Hus, Canada's rising country artist and entertainer. Purchase your tickets for the concert at the door! Visit our website for more details.: www.albertadonkeyandmule.com. Life is short - take the time to enjoy what you love doing and get out there and enjoy your Longears.

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