

Alberta Donkey and Mule Club News, Oct. 2015

Sunday, Oct 18 is our Semi-Annual Meeting at 1:30pm at the Ponoka Drop In Center, 5015-46 Ave, Ponoka, AB. Members will be getting a reminder in the mail, however our meetings are always open to all interested. Please bring a contribution for a potluck lunch/supper afterwards.

If there is anything that you want to see on the "club calendar" for 2016, this is the meeting that all plans should be made at. So if you have something to contribute to the agenda, please be there or at least email or call our president Russ Shandro at 780 603-7510 rshandro@telusplanet.net

OUR RECENT TEES LONGEARS DAYS SHOW went ahead despite the rain that we received on the Saturday. Even though the rain quit by Saturday afternoon, the arena was too slippery to use so several classes were held on the grass, one of them being Coon Jumping. With stiff competition from several mules including Russ Shandro's Ruger and Byron Liddell's mule Gracie, the winner in the mule's division was Heather Rioux with her mule Barney who won the competition, jumping 3 feet from a standstill and this being his FIRST TIME at trying coon jumping!



Barney, winner of the Mule Coon Jumping at Tees Longears Days. Barney won with a 36 inch jump from a standstill; his first time trying this event!

The mini donkeys did NOT take a back seat in the jumping and for their size outdid the mules!



Proving that "donkeys can fly too" is handler Don Fossum with his mini donkey, clearing a pole that is taller than the donkey! Don and his wife Anne will be attending the upcoming Donkey Wellness Symposium at the University of Davis near Sacramento, CA. as a presenter this year. We look forward to the information they will bring back for us!

Patrice Paisley and her mini donkey Anna Belle won the donkey con jumping and also excelled in all the driving classes that followed all the "in hand" fun classes. Saturday evening, we were all treated to a delicious Roast Beef supper with all the trimmings followed by an excellent Blue Grass Band from Calgary PRAIRIE'S EDGE. Their music was very enjoyable and very danceable as several couples "kicked up their heels" to some great dance tunes. The silent and live auction had a great selection of superb donations and raised over \$1,000. Sunday we set up trail obstacles in the arena and let everyone practice and then ran some trail classes. Thanks to our workers and to everyone that came out despite the weather, helped where need be and enjoyed the 26 th running of the SHOW!!

Please show your support of our club's activities by attending the meeting on Oct 18. Maybe we will have some surprises for you for attending!

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