

ETSA SPRING NEWS AND NEIGHS

Happy Spring!! As we “leg up” and get ready for show season, we want to let you know what has been taking place over winter! ETSA officers and volunteers have been working hard to get several areas of our club updated. Here’s the latest!

Our banquet at the Titanic Museum was a “smashing” success!! We had an excellent tour of the Titanic Museum, lively horse company as friends and neighbors visited over delicious food, and lovely awards and beautiful ribbons as we celebrated our accomplishments for the year. A fun time was had by all! If you missed it and you want to know who won what, there is a link on the website for the 2022 High Point winners.

During the evening at the Titanic, we had our annual business meeting that always takes place at the banquet. Our club voted on two significant changes to our bylaws.

The first was related to how we record points for the high point program. Our club voted to move to self-reporting. This is used by many ASB clubs across the nation. With self-reporting, the ETSA member who has nominated their horse(s) for high point fills out a competition log for each horse. This log is then submitted to the High Point Secretary for review and to receive awards for points. Members may keep a running log all summer or may compile show records from ASHBA or Saddle Horse Report at the end of the season. Competition Logs are available on the website and you may print as many as you need. As always, the High Point Secretary is available to assist in this transition. You may call her, email her, or text her for assistance: Anita Miller, (423) 823-1740, easttnsaddlebred@gmail.com. All information needed is on the High Point Program page on the ETSA website, easttnsaddlebred.net.

The second important change to the bylaws was to suspend the need for shows to be ETSA affiliated to count for high point. All shows that are attended by members will be counted toward high point, providing their membership is current and paid and providing their horses have been correctly nominated. This allows our members to show wherever they wish to show, knowing they will receive points for their hard work and dedication.

Our ETSA Spring Classic Horse Show is right around the corner! The 2023 Prize List and Class Schedule are available on the website. Please remember that in order to qualify for high point awards, you must either 1) sponsor a class, trophy and ribbons, etc., or 2) volunteer at one of our two yearly horse shows: ETSA Spring Classic or ETSA Midsummer Classic. There are MANY volunteer positions available. Please contact Laura Green to volunteer: lauragreen.knoxagent@gmail.com. Spread the word and let's make this the best Spring Classic EVER!!

We are currently updating our website a little bit at a time to serve you better. Please go visit easttnsaddlebred.net. Please let us know if anything isn't working correctly or if any information is incorrect. You will find an updated show calendar, Spring Classic Horse Show prize list and schedule, and other useful information.

We would like to invite all members to submit a professional photo of each horse you show to be used in a revolving slide show on our website. We want to celebrate our members and their amazing American Saddlebreds, Hackney Ponies, Road Horses, driving horses and ponies, Performance Riders, and Academy riders. Please, professional photos only. Send to easttnsaddlebred@gmail.com.

Thanks for your help in making East Tennessee Saddlebred Association a club that is inclusive, competitive, and fun, but most of all, a club that is a family who loves their horses and ponies! From the grade pony who carries our priceless children to the hard-working academy horse who carries the industry on his/her back and the pampered performance horses that we dote on with love and peppermints, we want to celebrate each and every one! Good luck this summer and here is to every horse and rider getting at least one heartfelt "YEAH BOY" at every outing this summer!!