

OPRC PIEDMONT, INC  
JANUARY, 2008 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,

Well, this is the first for the year – again!! Where does the time go?

Our one and only Annual General Meeting was held last Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup>. There were a fair number in attendance but not as many as we had hoped. Anyway, the news is mostly here. In short order you will receive the official minutes of the meeting and also, the membership list. PLEASE check your information on that list to make SURE your email etc. is correct. We think we have it right but ya' never know!!

As you can see on our website, [www.oprcpiedmont.org](http://www.oprcpiedmont.org), we have an awful lot of things planned for the year. Please bookmark and check this site frequently as often there are changes that may not have come to the attention of all. For our newly formed social AND riding membership, we plan a lot of un-mounted activities. The events page will reflect those changes as time goes by.

Some of our events, especially the mounted sessions, have to be limited in numbers as there are just so many hours in the day. After the pertinent email goes out, those admitted to the lesson will be on a first come first served basis. If you don't get into one the first time you will be first on the list for the next. We just don't see any other way of doing it. PLEASE if you have to cancel, let me know as soon as possible. We usually have a waiting list. Please also be ready to RIDE at your appointed time. If we are lazy in this department, things get out of wack, times run into each other and the instructors get bent out of shape – NOT a good thing. Dress will be neat and tidy and horses as well groomed as they can be. This is a sign of respect to your instructors, to your fellow riders and to your chapter. It's a really good idea to have a lesson notebook and to write down the points made in each lesson. You'd be surprised how much you can remember when re-reading the material.

**THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE FOR DRESSAGE LESSONS.**

As Danielle Geoffrion's schedule did not permit her to teach on the 27<sup>th</sup> of Jan, we are having **two dressage lessons back to back on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at Sue Knox's indoor in Jeffersonton. . Email me if you want to participate.** Each lesson will have no more than four people – five if

ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, and will last 50 minutes. The start times depend on how many sign up soooooooooooooo get crackin'!! Times will follow.

**THIS IS THE LESSON EMAIL. NO OTHER WILL FOLLOW SO SIGN UP.**

For those of you who have never ridden under Danielle, I ride with her once a week and she's tough but VERY amusing, knowledgeable, and an extremely good instructor. She gives you her all, works you hard, but never asks more of you than you are able to give. In the end, you WANT to work for her, the sign of a good instructor. We are very lucky to have her.

There was a lot of OPRC business that the National Board discussed on Sat, the 12<sup>th</sup> at the annual Board meeting, but I'll leave all that until things are finalized. Nationals has some really great things planned.

We have new members who are being rated on Sun. and without a doubt, they will all pass! They are Nancy and Mike Conwell, Paula Leatherman, Wrenetta Poles, Debbie Purcell, and Jenny Schefer. We also welcome Bonnie Schick, a former C1 Pony Clubber from Pa. and Laura Moyers, a returning member and new mother!!

We also welcome the following social members. Ionna Vallispir, Paula Payne, Marcy Bade, David Yauch, and Faye Brewster. I hope to see all of you often.

-a bit of information overload so I'll stop. There will be other emails on specific topics throughout the year. Actually, you'll probably get really sick of the OPRC heading!!! Too bad, suck it up and remember,

KICK ON!!