

The Region 6 Convention was held March 16-18th at Topeka, KS. After what seemed like the longest and coldest winter in history, we had a great turnout of over 100 people! Saturday was a very busy day full of speakers and fun. After registration we listened to a very fascinating presentation by Sharon Saare on "Back Conformation and Saddle Fit". Her personal history was as equally interesting as the lecture.

Then Cheri Jeffcoat and Priscilla Lindsey spoke on "How to Manage a Ride of Your Own". Cheri spoke on handling the management end of it, and Priscilla spoke on how to get the trails ready for it. Following, was an Open Riders Question\Answer Panel. The open riders that lent us their expertise were Kim Downing, Norma Newton, Ruth Mesimer, Trish Cleveland, and Kristi Chapman. Equine chiropractor, Dr. Drew Spisak, of Wellsville, KS, educated us on chiropractic care and how many behavior problems can actually be remedied by chiropractic.

Saturday evening was our awards banquet and auction. Ty McCullough m.c.ed and the evening were filled with smiles, laughs, and some brief tears as we remembered the past year. It was great to see who our riders were who had had a great ride year, not only regionally, but nationally as well.

A big Thank You to Charlie and Donna Armour who tackled the enormous job of registration and did it extremely well. Thanks also to Becki Jackson for hospitality room decorations, Jim Ward for playing the entertaining bartender. Thanks to all the speakers at the convention whose names were mentioned earlier. Thanks to Pam Alumbaugh who encouraged donation of door prizes and auction items, and to Martha Kunkle for handling all of the awards. Thanks to Lin Ward for printing the awards, to Ty for m.c.ing the awards, to Steve Lindsey for the spiritual briefing, to Norma Newton for the reminder postcards. Thank you Priscilla for answering all my questions! Thank you to everyone who attended and those who brought door prizes and auction items!

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Cheri Jeffcoat reports that there is a big change coming in the horse and rider mileage. Check the next Hoof Prints for details. The ability to put CH next the to the horses name is tabled at this time. Liability insurance for members is also tabled. Weight cards are going to be issued at regional level. At your first ride you will weigh in like you normally would and you will get a weigh card to be used at any other ride in place of weighing again. *Remember* this is a privilege and management has the right to ask you to be weighed. Carol Roberts is looking for people to sponsor the \$20 helmet drawing at each ride. IAHA CH. In 2003 being sponsored by the Lindsey's. The region will sponsor the 2003 Nat. Conv. Nebraska or Iowa will be the host. Becki Jackson believes we need to honor our workers with a drawing at each ride. She is initiating this program. Five radios were bought to replace our ancient ones. Laurie DeNatalie, National Administrative Secretary has resigned .

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