

# Madison M Area Recreational Equestrian Sisters

## May 2008 Meeting

Our Equine Massage meeting in May was well attended and wonderful. Thanks to Susan Peterson for a great presentation and to Three Gaits (and Rowdy) for hosting us. As you all know, we will not be meeting over the summer but PLEASE email me your suggestions for next year's programs. Include those you'd like to see repeated as well.



Our friend and Honorary MARE, Debbie McDonald, will be riding in the Qualifying shows in California over the last two weekends in June. Keep your fingers crossed, as Deb and Brentina try to make the 2008 Olympic Team, bound for Hong Kong in August!



Please send us photos and events you'll be involved with over the summer so that we can keep our website updated. And right now...\* congratulations to Marcy Gray on the foaling of her filly! She's gorgeous- looks like Mom!

## Getting ready for trail ride season? Here are some helpful reminders...

- get your trail pass in advance to save time
- take sunscreen and water...and don't forget your cell phone
- tell someone your route and a time you'll be returning
- take along a hoof pick for those unexpected stones
- if your horse is a kicker, don't forget to tie a red ribbon in its tail to warn those behind you
- stay alert for others using the trail, especially bikers, hikers and ATV riders
- check your horse AND yourself for ticks at the end of each ride
- wear a helmet

Have fun and stay safe!

## Parelli Clinic July 12-13th

If you wish to attend the Parelli clinic July 12-13, I need your name and the names of your guests by July 1. Your tickets will be at the Will-Call window at the Alliant Center.



## Did you know...

- there's a new riding shirt that provides invisible, odorless protection against mosquitoes, flies and ticks. Look for the Women's Insect Shield from Ariat International (\$55)
- need to keep your horses' tail clean without any mess? Look for the Tail Bucket from Horse Care Products. It fits over the tail; you put shampoo and water in, and massage the tail clean. Looks great! (horse-spa.com)
- how about a cordless, quiet, cool, low vibration rechargeable clipper? Look at the Chro-Mini Trimmer from Wahl (wahl.com)
- Get hot riding in the warm weather with those 1/2 chaps? Ovation has a new, lightweight pair with perforations for great breathability. Look for Hyper-grip Air Flow Half Chaps from English Riding Supply (englishridingsupply.com)
- and for the Western rider who also wants to be safe: the Troxel Western Hat Helmet, stylish AND certified for safety! (troxelhelmets.com)



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