

Welcome to Tri-State Riding Club!

We are pleased to have you on board. We hope that you will enjoy your membership! We think that you'll find that there is something for everyone in this unique club. While our focus is on lessons and the improvement of the mounted as well as un-mounted relationship between you and your horse, there is also tremendous camaraderie and support between members. Quite simply we have fun and learn and grow with each lesson or club activity.

We have provided a list of guidelines that will help you 'collect your reins'. Please don't hesitate to ask for further information, we're here to help. Enjoy the ride!

Getting Started:

- Membership is from January 1 to December 31. If you are a renewing member you must do so by February 28. New memberships are accepted all year long.
- Tri-State Riding Club (TSRC) meets every third Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Equine Medical Center, 17690 Old Waterford Road, Leesburg, VA. Please check the website for meeting details.
- We encourage active participation in your club. Through member feedback and attendance we can design lessons and activities that will enrich member experiences.
- Attendance at meetings puts you in the drawing for a \$40 credit toward any lessons.
- Lesson schedule for the next month is presented at the monthly club meetings. Those in attendance get first dibs. The schedule is then emailed to the club following the meeting.
- To register for lessons please select the lesson you would like and reply to your lesson coordinator, Linda Giannino for Western or Mary Gustafson for English.
- Lessons that you register for are yours and you are responsible for paying for them, whether you attend or not. If you know you need a replacement, you are responsible for finding one or notifying your coordinator who **may** have a wait list. No guarantee can be made for finding a replacement.
- Member will be invoiced at the beginning of each month for the past month's lessons. Do not pay at the time of lesson.
- You will not be charged for lessons which are canceled by lesson coordinators.
- If riding in a jumping lesson, please arrive 15 minutes early to assist trainer in setting course.
- Members are free to audit lessons, clinics, and camps. There may be an audit fee for some camps and clinics. Auditors may be asked to help set poles or assist in moving equipment.

General Safety:

Safety is our first priority. Please observe the following requirements:

- You must wear an ASTM/SEI certified riding helmet to participate during mounted or driving clinics, lessons, or any other TSRC activity where horses are involved.
- You must wear shoes or boots with a heel during mounted lessons.
- You must wear an emergency armband complete with your emergency information on your arm during mounted lessons. Armbands may be purchased from your Western or English lesson coordinator for \$10.

- Wearing approved safety vest is optional but highly recommended.

Safety During Lessons:

- Don't be distracted by being in a hurry. Please arrive to lesson venue with sufficient time to allow for tacking and warming your horse up.
- While warming up or during the lesson, if going in opposing directions, pass LEFT hand to LEFT hand unless otherwise directed by trainer.
- Please stay completely clear of the trainer unless they have specifically asked you to approach them.
- Please refrain from socializing during lessons. Offering appropriate encouragement is acceptable and most times welcomed.
- Remember—Riders, Ride and Teachers, Teach. It is our trainer's responsibility to instruct and member's responsibility to ride.
- You must have a current negative Coggins test in your truck or trailer for each of the horses that you are bringing to TSRC activities. If you cannot present such upon request you may not participate.

Housekeeping:

- Please pick up after your horse wherever you are. Also we are asked to pick up the ring after each lesson. Tubs and forks are provided.
- Please respect the venue owner's property. Do not park or ride on grass unless authorized or instructed.
- Whether at camp, lessons or clinics please provide your own water for horses.

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