

2011 Calendar of Events

Apr 9th-10th

Spring Kick-off

Kansas Expocentre-Topeka, Ks

Ashley Behlen 785 640-6069

May 6th-May 8th

Horsesports Spring Fling- Lone Wolf

Arena—Cleveland, MO

Michelle Jones 816 665-6848

May 28th-29th

Thomas Fahey Memorial Charity

Longview Farm, Grandview, MO

Kris Cheyne 913 558-2599

June 19th—

Walnut Ridge

Michelle Jones 816 665-6948

Jul 16th-17th

Summer Classic I, Lone Wolf Arena

Ashley Behlen 785 640-6069

Aug 27th-28th

Summer Classic II, Lone Wolf Arena

Gary Mason 913 345-1489

Sept 10th

Rocking V Ranch, Topeka, Ks.

Ashley Behlen 785 640-6069

Oct 1st —

**Douglas County Fairgrounds -
Lawrence, Ks**

Debbie Morrison, Julie Wint &

Joanne Hathman 913 451-4606

Dec 3—GPHA Awards Banquet

TBA

Gary Mason 913 345-1489

Allie Younggren 913 636-1700

The Great Plains Hunter Association is designed to help horses and riders gain experience in a fun, affordable and rewarding environment. Whether you are a seasoned competitor or venturing into the show ring for the first time, we want you to have an enjoyable experience. Competitions are fun not just for winning top prizes but to gauge your progress as a horseperson.

We hope our riders and their support teams all enjoyed the spirit of competition and fun at all of our 2010 shows. GPHA would like to thank all of our sponsors, volunteers and participants for a wonderful 2010. We look forward to seeing you at our events in 2011.

The warmer weather is finally here and we can get ourselves and horses back in shape for the upcoming season. From your feedback and the increased number of competitors in our jumper classes, we are pleased that more of our 2011 shows will be offering jumper classes.

ONE—TWO—THREE—GO SHOW !

GPHA is very excited about the incredible support from the local horse show community. This year our friends at *Agri-Risk/Markel* and *Horse Hardware* are adding some icing to the cake.

Agri-Risk/Markel is sponsoring the GPHA Hunter Derby class and presenting a beautiful dress sheet to the winner at each show.

Our friends at *Horse Hardware* will be awarding the 2011 GPHA High Point Equitation rider a new riding outfit—breeches, shirt and coat!

Two more reasons to be pumped about our 2011 Show Season.

The FIRST step to achieve the high point award is to fill out your membership forms. Be certain your points count!

Spring Kick-Off

Speaking of horse shows ... The 2011 Show Season is about to launch. Our GPHA Spring Kick-Off show is just around the corner—April 9th—10th at the Kansas Expocentre.

We will have the \$500 Hunter Derby on both days. Keep your eyes peeled for show bill mailings. You can also visit our website for all the latest info. We are looking forward to seeing you at the show.

www.greatplainshunterassociation.com

IMPORTANT REMINDER !

It is what you do at the beginning of the season that can make a difference in your end of year results.

Rider must be GPHA member

**Horse must be registered with
GPHA**



Congratulations to the following:
High Point Jumper Horse & Rider of the Year
ALL THAT JAZZ – JENNY MORRIS
High Point Equitation Rider of the Year
JANA BEHLEN
High Point Hunter Horse & Rider of the Year
MY CALYPSO BAY – GRACE THIEL

Have an idea or suggestion for our shows, website, awards banquets, clinics, etc? Please let us hear from you. Your feedback is always welcome.

~~Therapy Horses Die in Fire~~

Sugar Creek Equinapy in Pleasant Hill, MO, tragically suffered huge losses Sunday, February 27th, due to a fire. The barn was not salvageable and they lost their tack, trailer, feed, and office equipment. Most unfortunately, they lost six wonderful therapeutic horses.

At our Spring Kick-Off, April 9-10 we will have a donation jar at our entry table. If you are doing some spring cleaning and have tack or grooming items you wish to donate, we will gladly accept them as well.

For more information please contact Amy O'Neal 816-582-4308 or Melissa Morgan at 816-4-4968. You can also send a detailed email to info@sugarcreekequinapy.org.

SPONSOR PROFILES

Agri-Risk Services and Horse Hardware have supported our organization since our first horseshow. Show your appreciation by supporting the businesses that support us.

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Horse Hardware ~ Just a hop, and skip for our GPHA members. Whether you are shopping for tack, riding attire, or that special gift for your equestrian friends, Horse Hardware in Stanley, Ks. is the place to shop. For the latest in tack or attire, stop by and visit our friends at Horse Hardware.
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Mark Your Calendars for the 2011 GPHA Thomas Fahey Charity Hunter/Jumper Show May 28th-29th Longview Horse Park

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Thomas Connell Fahey was an avid horseman who grew up in Kansas City. After working in New York, Florida, and Europe he returned home and started Thomas Fahey Training in Bucyrus, Kansas. Thomas' love for the animals and the sport inspired many. His beautiful smile and gentle spirit affected all he came into contact with. Thomas died on August 27, 2006 in Lexington, Kentucky in a commercial airline crash. Through this horse show the family and friends of Thomas hope to honor his memory and share his love and passion for the sport. This year proceeds from the Thomas Fahey Charity Horse Show will benefit Spofford's Horse Power Program. Spofford is a leading provider of prevention and therapeutic treatment services for children ages 4-12 suffering the effects of emotional or behavioral challenges.

\$1000 Hunter Derby (SAT & SUN)

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\$1000 Mini Prix (Sunday only)

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USHJA Affiliate Equitation Awards Program

GPHA is now an USHJA affiliate organization! This will give our members an opportunity to participate in programs recognized by the USHJA-Regional Sportsmanship award and Outreach Equitation award. USHJA Outreach Members receive the additional USHJA benefits.

More information can be found online at www.greatplainshunterassociation.com

Trivia : Why do you mount on the left side of the horse?

Most traditional English riding has its roots back in the cavalry when horses were ridden by soldiers armed with swords. In order to avoid any potential debilitating incidents before engaging the enemy, riders would mount from the side where the sword would not impede the process. As most people would use a sword with their right hand, the scabbard hung on the left, so the left foot went into the stirrup on mounting.