

June 27, 2002, the SKM "Chapter" of the Glacial Drumlin Horse Trail Association held its general meeting at the Stumble in Eagle, WI. Its first event was at Horserider's on June 29<sup>th</sup>, with a trail ride and potluck. Six committees were set up. Current member, Bill Mayfield was head of the Campground and Trailsheads and is still a member and involved today! Formation of the SKMHTA as a stand-alone group was announced in a press release published in the August 2003 edition of Wisconsin Horseman's News. The first general membership meeting was held at Horserider's Campground on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003, with a trail ride and a potluck. Dues collection began in January 2004.

### **OTHER INTEREST INFORMATION ABOUT SKM TRAILS**

Prior to June 1967 - 5.5 miles of volunteer paths existed.

June 1967 - Opened 7.27 miles of trails at Horseriders Campgrounds

Winter 1967 - Snowmobiles started using trails.

Fall 1968 - Opened Ottawa horse trail loops.

1969 - constructed additional trails in Horseriders camp area off of Hwy Z"

1970-1971 - Built trail system off of Hwy S and joined the Eagle and Palmyra trail systems together.

1972 - constructed trails from Ottawa loop system to Wilton Rd.

1973 - Built Blackhawk (LaGrange) System

1974 - Expanded Ottawa trail system and added many shortcuts. - constructed the Blue Spring Lake Access trails west of Horseriders Campgrounds to Dahlin Rd.

1975 - Added loops off of Viele Rd.

1978 - constructed a new section of trail from Hwy Z to McMiller Range driveway

Concerns about replacing horse rails with ski trails. Horseriders became more involved and three loops of the McMiller Ski trail were opened to horses during the summer months.

Many Horserider/DNR sensitivity weekends took place for about 3 consecutive years.

1987 - Bruce Chevis made a deal with the Horseriders that if he could take horses off of the McMiller Ski trail... that he would allow the construction of the Forest Long Trail.

- It wasn't until 1991 that Jeff and Mona Czaplewski from the Wisconsin Horse Council took the initiative to join forces and actually build the Forest Long Trail with the help of DNR heavy equipment operator Ray Hajewski.

Also in 1991 new Dousman Access trail to Hwy 67 and C which included horse traffic. Hikers were concerned about horse and Ice Age Trail being linked together and these two trails were separated.

In Fall of 1994 Jeff and Mona Czaplewski with the help of the Wisconsin Horse Council spearheaded and built the Shelter at Horseriders Campground.

Since Mona and Jeff left the area...only individuals and very small groups have come forward and had a few workdays on the trails.