

NEWSLETTER 2024 3RD QUARTER



DOUGLAS-ELBERT COUNTY HORSE COUNCIL

P.O. BOX 2572 PARKER, COLORADO 80134

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Purpose: to promote and improve the horse industry; to provide emergency related rescue; to educate and report horse related issues; to support trail development, safety and open space

Douglas-Elbert County Horse Council (DECHC)

Board of Directors

Sharon Jayne, President; Sue Kalamen, Vice President; Sherry Helmeke, Secretary; Monica Wheeler, Treasurer; Cindy Adams, Christine Exley, Kris Garrett, Kirk Inderbitzen, Laura Karlis, Jennifer Little, Carroll Rice and Diane Sanders

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For all upcoming meetings and events see our Calendar page at www.DECHC.org. You can even sign up for calendar updates.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By
Sharon Jayne



Fall is here and the beautiful trees have started to turn. It is a beautiful time of year. Ready for the first freeze to get rid of the flies!

I cannot believe this year has flown by. It has been a busy year but luckily for Douglas/Elbert Counties, we have not had any major fire issues. Fire season is still not over, so please do not let your guard down. WE are looking at the continuation of a very dry Fall. The good news for Douglas County is that our helicopter is still on exclusive use until 10/31/24 with ability to extend if our indices are critical. Low humidity, high temperatures and winds will determine that. Douglas County is still under a Stage 1 Fire Restriction—no open burning and no fireworks. Douglas and Elbert Counties will have a countywide Code Red Mass notification test on October 9th at 9:00 AM.

Douglas County update the cows are gone from Greenland and spruce meadows. There is also a new sign and kiosk at Spruce Mountain. The staff and volunteers have been working hard on the trail corridor clearing and erosion control to get ready for the winter. Portions of Dawson Butte Trail, on the southwestern corner may be closed for forest management. Please use caution if you are in that area.

We are looking for another board member for 2025. So if you are looking to give back to the community with a wonderful organization, please reach out. We have an excellent group on the board currently!

We had a wonder Membership Ride at Prairie Canyon Open Space! It was a wonderful day to ride. We had sixteen riders that got to enjoy this beautiful open space.

Finally, mark your calendars for our Annual Membership meeting scheduled for November 7th at 7:00 PM at the Franktown Fire Station. We will have a couple of guest speakers that will share updates of the county and state happenings.

If anyone has any suggestions, complaints or ideas, please feel free to give me a call or email me. My number is 303-570-4559 and email is majestictrail@aol.com.

Let's Ride!!

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**DECHC MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION TRAIL RIDE
PRIARIE CANYON RANCH**

By Christine Exley

On Saturday, September 28th we had a perfect day for a trail ride at Prairie Canyon ranch with 16 great horses and riders. The weather was a perfect 78 degrees with a light breeze. Douglas County Mounted Patrol was there to lead our ride. Thank you Cindy, Diane, Sharon and Sue from the Douglas County Mounted Patrol.

We started off with an introduction from Sue about the original owner of the ranch, "Bob". He disliked laced up boots and wanted back cinches to be tight!

The ride started off to the north towards the canyon. We went into the canyon on the east side and then up to the north. Then we headed out to the prairie in hopes to see a giant jack rabbit. There was no sighting of a jack rabbit—darn! Then we road east and south to the other canyon edge. And, WOW, to our surprise we saw a herd of elk galloping for us to witness up from up in the canyon and across to the open range! How wonderful was that!

We rode about 2 hours and then had a nice lunch back at the ranch. It was a wonderful day on horseback!



SADDLE FITTING CLINIC

On September 5, 2024 Danna Golden presented her clinic on knowledgeable saddle fitting that she has spent years researching and adjusting her findings on how to fit the perfect saddle to your horse. The clinic was most informative and given with saddle examples and a power point presentation. Her business is called "Saddle Up". Those looking for more information may go to her website saddleupcolorado.net or info@saddleupcolorado.net.





MEMBERSHIP: Please vote for the Board Director Positions. Mail or email your vote to P.O. Box 2572 Parker, Colorado 80134; monica_wheeler@msn.com. Or you may bring your vote to the Annual Meeting on November 7th at the Franktown Firehouse.

2024 Douglas-Elbert County Horse Council Election Ballot

Directors

(Vote for 4)

Sharon Jayne _____

Jennifer Little _____

Diane Sanders _____

Other (Write in Candidate's Name)

BIO

SHARON JAYNE

I would love to continue as a board member for DECHC. I have been a member of DECHC for many years and have been on the board for the last 3 years. I have held the Presidents position for the last 2 years.

I am very active in the horse community. I have held several other positions to include president of FRBCH (Front Range Backcountry Horsemen) and served 9 years as a board member on PERC (Parker Elizabeth Riding Club). I am currently a board member for the CHC (Colorado Horse Council). I am an active member of the Douglas County Mounted Patrol. I have lived in both Elbert and Douglas Counties for the past 25 years. I own 5 horses, and I love to spend time on the trails or camping in the mountains.

BIO

JENNIFER LITTLE

I have been working with horses for over 20 years (As both an amateur and professional). After evacuating for the Black Forest fire, I joined DECHC. Shortly thereafter, I accepted an appointment to the board to fill a vacancy. I am seeking to continue as a board member of DECHC.

BIO
DIANE SANDERS

Hello , my name is Diane Sanders and I am hoping to become your new DECHC Board Member. I appreciate this chance to tell you a little bit about myself.

As a kid growing up in Connecticut, I believe I always had the "horse crazy" gene. I was fortunate enough to find a Hunter/Jumper stable where I could work in exchange for lessons. This also gave me the opportunity to participate in shows and do some fox hunting.

Upon graduating from high school, I joined the Navy and spent several horseless years. No horses – but I did meet my husband.

When our military time was over, we moved to Colorado in 1982 to take jobs in the Aerospace Industry. We arrived here with my horse and dog and lived in Aurora for about a year. We moved to Parker in 1984 and consider ourselves very lucky.

After several years being active in the local Hunter/Jumper scene, I realized that I had outgrown that venue and all I really wanted to do was enjoy the trails with my horse.

Currently, I have one horse that is the absolute best trail buddy. He is also my partner on the Douglas County Open Space Mounted Patrol.

DECHC appeals to me for the awesome work, services and education that it provides to the horse population of Douglas and Elbert counties.

I look forward to being on the board and getting to participate in these activities.

Thank-you,

Diane Sanders

GREENLAND HORSE COURSE WORKDAY

This workday will be held on Wednesday, October 16th starting at 10:00AM to approximately Noon. Snacks and water will be provided. Bring your own gloves and tools. Work will involve chopping weeds out of the round pen, replacing the center board of the bridge, and refilling sand in low spots on the trail.

RSVP to Sue Kalamen if you want ... leave a message at 303-841-2011. We appreciate your help!

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Next meeting: November 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM

At the Franktown Firehouse



DOUGLAS-ELBERT COUNTY HORSE COUNCIL

Membership Application (please print clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____

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Email: _____

Type of Membership:

_____ Individual/Family \$15/annually

_____ Individual/Family \$200/Lifetime

_____ Organization \$50/annually

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_____ Commercial/Corporation \$75/annually

Name of Corporation _____

I would like to Volunteer for:

Evacuation sites _____ Be a Board member _____

Clinics _____ Other _____

Workdays _____

We host clinics about 4 times/year. Please let us know if there is a topic you would like to suggest:

Mail application and check to:

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